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The Silver Lining.

There's never a day so sunny
But a little cloud appears;
There's never a life so happy
But has had its time of tears;
Yet the sun shines out the brighter
When the stormy tempest clears.

There's never a garden growing
With roses in every plot;
There's never a heart so hardened
But it has one tender spot;
We have only to prune the border
To find the forget-me-not.

There's never a cup so pleasant
But has bitter with the sweet;
There's never a path so rugged
That bears not the print of feet;
And we have a helper promised
For the trials we may meet.

There's never a sun that rises
But we know 'twill set at night;
The tints that gleam in the morning,
At evening are just as bright;
And the hour that is the sweetest
Is between the dark and light.

There's never a dream that's happy
But the waking makes us sad:
There's never a dream of sorrow
But the waking makes us glad;
We shall look some day with wonder
At the troubles we have had.

There's never a way so narrow
But the entrance is made straight;
There's always a guide to point us
To the "little wicket gate;"
And the angels will be nearer
To a soul that is desolate.

There's never a heart so haughty
But will some day bow and kneel;
There's never a heart so wounded
That the Saviour cannot heal;
There's many a lowly forehead
That is bearing the hidden seal.

There's never a day so sunny
But a little cloud appears;
There's never a life so happy
But has had its time of tears;
Yet the sun shines out the brighter
When the stormy tempest clears.

TWO MINUTES TOO LATE.

With his good-bye ringing in her ears, Drucie Miller re-entered the little telegraph office and dropped into a chair before the clicking instrument. Glancing at the clock above her head, she noticed that it was almost time for her to close the office for the night, and seek her humble home at the foot of one of the darkened streets of the village. The rumbling of the train which had just left the station was growing fainter, and the girl listened to it as though it was the voice of a friend who was leaving her for a long time.

She did not expect any more messages that night; the engine, breathing heavily from its great iron lungs on the track near her window would not move until the night express had passed up, and the engineer knowing this had sought his sweetheart, who lived in the village.

Tom Gray, the engineer of the train just departing, was Drucie's lover, and his intimate friends knew when the wedding was to take place. He had not known her long; but that did not matter, since he was a true fellow, who loved her with his whole heart, and with her's she loved Tom.

The rumbling of the train at length died away, and Drucie was about to shut off the current and leave the office, when a message began to fall upon her ears.

She started, for the first word drove the color from her cheeks, and, standing over the instrument, she heard this message:

"Number Ten, switch at Colby till Number Six passes. Six just starting."

"Six just starting! My God! They will meet!" cried the beautiful operator, starting from the table. "What can I do to save him—them?"

And, with her eyes staring at the clock she stood in the center of the room, thinking of the two trains approaching each other through the mist that almost hid the moon.

The real situation, enough to blanch the girl's cheek, was appalling.

The order for the train which had just left Fletcher to switch at Colby could not be obeyed now. The teleraph even could not stop it, for there was no night office at Colby. It was an unusual matter for No. 6 to leave Fort Wayne before the arrival of No. 10; but as the latter train was twelve minutes behind time on that particular night, 6, anxious to leave on time to save its connections, telegraphed to Fletcher the message which had so startled Drucie Miller. From Fletcher to a point four miles below Colby the company had completed a double track, which when finished to Fort Wayne, would obviate the trouble of switching and prevent delay.

When Drucie recovered her self-possession she started from the office with the message in her hand. It had arrived just two minutes too late, and Tom Gray, unconscious of its existence, was driving his engine ahead and thinking of the girl he had lately bid adieu. He knew that it was known in Fort Wayne that he was unavoidably behind time, and supposed that, according to custom, the express waiting there would not move until he arrived.

But let us return to Drucie Miller.

She saw the freight engine standing on the new track already mentioned, and caught a glimpse of the young fireman asleep on his box.

A determined resolution entered her head, and the next moment she was on the engine, with her hand on the boy's shoulder.

"That you, Miss Drucie?" said the boy, rousing himself with a yawn. "Laws a mercy!—"

"Get out and uncouple the freight!" she cried. "Tom's moved out, and if he don't switch off at Colby everybody will be killed. We must catch him!"

"What'll Dick say when he comes back and finds his engine gone," said the boy, looking up into Drucie's face.

"What do we care for what he says? What is Dick's displeasure to the precious lives on the two trains? Jim, how fast can your engine travel?"

"About two miles a minute," the boy answered with a smile. "She's the swiftest bird on the road. But I don't think we can catch No. 10. We might, if we had Dick with us. He knows how to manage the Belle."

"And so do I. Wood up, Jim! Fill the furnace chock full. We much catch Tom this side of the new track's termination, or—"

The girl paused and looked at the pale boy.

"Or what, Miss Drucie?"

"Or blow up!"

"That's what's the matter," said Jim, catching her spirit. "And we'll catch him, too! Wood! Wood! There! the furnace is chock full. Golly—whiz, how we are going!"

Drucie smiled faintly at the boy and noted the hand of the gauge. The engine had received new momentum, which momentarily increased, and all at once Jim, who had been trying to pierce the haze, said:

"Two miles a minute, I'll bet, Miss Drucie. If it was daylight the telegraph poles would look like a fine tooth comb."

But the girl did not reply, she stood before the lever, wishing that she could urge the engine to greater speed. She imagined the trains would meet in a gulch that embraced a curve about six miles below Colby. It was a terrible place for a collision, and the loss of life there would be great. The haze or mist would prevent the engineers from signaling each other, and a collision was inevitable.

The train, which seemed to have broken loose, rushed madly on, with Jim looking at Drucie, whom he was inclined to believe mad. The cold mist slowly turning to a drizzle, was occasionally blown against his face by the wind; it served to cool his heated temples, and to to make him think calmly of the situation and the folks at home.

So fast were they moving that they seemed to glide over the rails scarcely touching them in their mad career, and when Drucie told Jim to listen for the sound of Tom's train ahead, the boy poked his head out of the window and held his breath.

"'Pears to me I heard a sound," he said, without turning his head. "Mebbe I'm mistaken—so many things 'pears to me just now."

"Thank God!" ejaculated the girl. "Listen with all your might, Jim. Oh, for the speed of a bullet.

Her face was glowing with heat, and while Jim listened she opened the furnace door and threw in the last stick of wood they possessed.

"The wood is gone, Jim. How far can we go at this rate of speed?"

"About fifteen miles," the boy answered; "twenty of 'em if we must do it!"

"Then we'll catch him. Colby must be nine miles away yet, and the gulch is sixteen miles further on—fifteen miles! Jim, can't you hear him yet?"

"No; guess I was mistaken awhile back," the boy said, and Drucie's countenance fell.

"There's the sound again!" he exclaimed a minute later. "Listen for yourself, girl."

Drucie went to the window and put her head out.

"That's Tom!" she cried. "Oh, Heaven, let me save him and all the other precious lives to-night."

With this prayer she turned to the furnace again and smiled at the red-hot doors. The engine and its empty tender seemed to fly over the track, and when Drucie looked at Jim again she found him staring at the guage.

"What's the matter, Jim?" she asked.

"A little more fire and we'll blow up!" he gasped.

"Tom would hear the explosion and stop his train. That might prevent the collision," was Drucie's reply.

It was now evident that the sound ahead was that of Tom Gray's train, and the girl prepared to warn her lover of his danger.—The tracks were quite close, and she told the fire boy to watch the machinery while she attended to that part of the warning work which she had allotted to herself.

With pallid face and almost throbbing heart, she took up her position at the window, heeding not the drizzling rain that beat in her face, and awaited the decisive moment.

The sound of the train on the other track grew momentarily more distinct, and the daring girl fancied that she heard No. 6 coming through the valley below Colby.

"Yes, it is Tom!" she cried, to encourage the boy at the lever. "I see his light. Now!"

Then she leaned out of the window, and shouted at the top of her voice:

"Switch at Colby! Switch at Colby! Colby! Six! Colby! Six!"

Many times she repeated her cry, and all at once she dashed by the heavy train.

Right into her lover's face, as he leaned from his engine, she shouted: "Switch at Colby!" and heard the shrieks that told her he would obey.

"Saved! saved, Jim!" she cried, with joy, and turned upon the breathless boy, who already was checking the Belle's speed.

"Golly—whiz!" he said, laughing, "If we can ever stop the Belle we'll go back; but the girl's got her spunk up and would run on forever."

Drucie Miller returned to the window with a heart filled with thankfulness, for Tom had heard, and already was running on to the swith at Colby.

After awhile the Belle was got under control and backed with lessened fires.

"Listen!" suddenly cried Jim.

"Yes, No. 6 is coming; but we don't fear her now," said Drucie with a smile; "Tom and his passengers are safe on the switch."

The next moment No. 6 dashed by, and Drucie laughed and actually clapped her hands.

The meeting between Tom Gray and his love cannot be described.

"Your headlight seemed a meteor," he said to her, "and I knew your voice—I don't know why. I guess you made time coming down."

"Time!" cried Jim, "I don't think that the wheels touched the rails more'n half the way. If it had been day the mile-stones would have looked like a rake."

There was a laugh at the boy's exaggeration, and when Tom took Drucie aside he kissed her.

It was not the only kiss she got that night, for all the women on the train kissed the girl that had saved their lives, and Tom Gray said he wouldn't get jealous when the moustached passengers bent over Drucie, blushing like a rose.

The story of Drucie's feat crept into the papers, and though my story may be old to some of my readers, I have told it because I think it will bear repetition.

Dick Lambert forgave Drucie for running away with his engine, and Jim, the fire-boy, never grows weary of telling of that "run."

Tom Gray is still on the road, but Drucie does not listen to the click-click of the sounder any more. Every night at eight she holds a little boy up to the window, and he cries "Papa!" and claps his hands as the engine dashes by.

DEATH FROM CHLOROFORM AVERTED.—A correspondent of the *British Medical Journal* communicates the interesting observation, that in a case of syncope during the administration of chloroform, where the usual treatment was without effect, and death seemed imminent, the application of some lint saturated with nitrite of amyl to the nostrils was followed almost immediately by restoration of the pulse, and the subsequent recovery of the patient.

Somebody says, "Every failure is a step to success." This will explain why the oftener some men fail the richer they become.

A VAGRANT PHILOSOPHER.

In the hip pocket of an old vagrant pulled in by the police the other night was a memorandum book full of his own writing with pencil, and some of his philosophy is good good enough to be preserved. His first paragraph reads:

"Drinking bad whiskey because it is offered free is like getting in the way of bullets purchased by the enemy."

A second reads:

"Honesty is the best policy, but some folks are satisfied with being second best. It is hard to be honest on an empty stomach."

A third runs:

"A dry plank under a rain-proof shed is better than a feather-bed in jail, and one isn't annoyed by the jailor bringing in a square breakfast."

A fourth says:

"Pay as you go. If you haven't anything to pay with don't go. If you are forced to go, record every indebtedness and let your heirs settle the bills."

The fifth explains:

"We should have charity for all. When the winter winds blow cold and drear we vags should pity the poor people in India who are having red-hot weather."

A sixth is recorded:

"Politeness costs nothing, but it is not expected that you will wake a man up at midnight to ask permission to go through his henhouse. It is more courteous to let him enjoy his needed repose."

The seventh and last was noted down as follows:

"When you pick up an apple-core do not find fault because it is not the apple itself, but be satisfied with the grade of descent. Do not be ashamed of your occupation. We cannot all be lords, nor can we all be vagrants. As I cannot be a lord I should not lament at being a vagrant. Be truthful and outspoken. That is, tell 'em you are a Chicago fire-sufferer. Keep seasonable hours, or some other vag will get your plank first. Be hopeful, cheerful and good natured. Growling won't cure a sore heel."—*Detroit Free Press.*

HIS EXPERIENCE.

"No, sir, I never regretted marrying Mollie here. She's been the making of me. I was an idle dog when I met her, and thought of nothing but spending my money at saloons just as fast as I earned it. She was only a poor seamstress that was industrious, honest and frugal in habits; for she'd had a hard row to hoe, poor girl! Well, for her sake, I grew saving and careful, and soon had a little money in the bank. Finally, we were married, and after furnishing two rooms had just $100 left. It was not much, but it was our own. That was fourteen months back. Now we have this little house. We have carpets on the floors of two rooms, nine pictures on the wall, and nearly fifty books in that case of shelves up there which I made. Our house is small, but there is no envy, no fear of the future, fault-finding or selfishness in it. We have nearly $100 saved, besides these things in the house. Our rent is paid for the entire year till next spring.

"We go to church regularly, attend concerts and lectures and amusements when the prices are not too high. Sometimes the prices are so high we cannot afford to go. Then we stay at home, read to each other, have visitors, or go out a little while to visit a few friends close by. I haven't been in a saloon since I was married, sir, and will never enter one again. I had rather these books, pictures, carpets, and the organ, should be in our house, than in the house of the man who makes his saloon attractive so as to entice men there so as to spend their earnings. We find that this life is as we make it. We are helping each other, and the more we do for each other the better we love each other, and thus my wife is leading me to heaven. And from the bottom of my heart I wish that all young men who are travelling on the road I traveled two years ago would follow my example; for, sir, they'd never regret it."

DETECTION OF LEAD IN WEIGHTED SILKS.

The "weighting" of black silks with a compound of tannic acid and oxide of iron, far exceeding in quantity what is really needful for the production of a black color, has now been known for a considerable time, and has been carried so far as to deprive the material of its non-conducting power for heat and electricity, greatly to impair its strength and durability, and even to render it liable to spontaneous combustion. Consumers, however, till lately, "laid the flattering unction to their souls" that white and light-colored silks must be genuine. Alas! the depraved ingenuity of the age has introduced sophistication in this department also, and it is possible to buy white silks—white goods, rather—consisting of about one-third to one-half of the genuine product of the silk worm, the remainder being made up with oxide or carbonate of lead. This fraud may be detected by a simple and easy test. If a piece of the silk, or a little of the thread or yarn suspected of being weighted with lead, is moistened with pure water and then exposed to sulphuretted hydrogen gas (as obtained by putting a little sulphuret of iron in a cup and pouring dilute sulphuric acid upon it), if lead is present it will change color and rapidly thicken. Ladies applying this simple test are, however, cautioned if they have been made artificially "beautiful forever" with powders and enamels, their faces may possibly change color as rapidly as the weighted silk.—*Journal of Chemistry.*

An amusing story is told concerning the Rev. Dr. Backus, the first President of Hamilton College. Before he went to Clinton he was settled at Bethlehem, Conn., where his salary was fixed at "$200 and his fire-wood." During one very cold winter his woodpile became exhausted, and he bought a cord of a neighbor, who, while praising his wood enthusiastically, delivered a cord of unsplit white-birch. Of course, after the bark had sputtered furiously and burned out, the birch itself would no more burn than so much iron. The good doctor rushed away to the sly neighbor. "I want twenty cords more of that wood," he said. "Twenty cords, doctor! What can you do with so much?" "Smother the flames of hell; that's all it's good for."

King Ludwig is reported to have at his summer residence a little boat covered with mother-of-pearl, built in the shape of a nautilus shell, and large enough for two persons. It is lined with scarlet velvet, and the row-locks are of coral. Another whim of his is to have in his garden a kiosque, so arranged with ingenious candelabra as to cause, when lighted, a reflection of stars and moons on the ceiling.

How I Love You.

You ask me how I love you, dear?
I see your very soul arise,
And torn by passionate hope and fear,
Look at me from your questioning eyes.
Ah! sweet imploring eyes, from whence
Shall I draw fitting words to fashion
The heart's unspoken eloquence
Into the story of my passion?

Beyond our feeble earthly light,
Behind the soul's deep mystery,
Love dwelleth—an eternal light
That never shone on land or sea!
Sometimes a burning ray escapes
From that still glory unaware,
Touches some lip with flame—and shapes
Itself into a song or prayer.

Some wondrous inspiration, wrought
On poesy's gold-lettered pages,
That strikes the master-key of thought,
And rolls in music down the ages.
For only can the poet's art
Interpret to the listening throng
The glowing language of the heart,
Breathed into some undying song.

And so, dear heart, I may not tell
How all my life is thine—nor why—
I only know I love thee well,
With love that cannot change or die;
For, when the heavenly day hath dawned,
And earthly things have passed away,
In the immeasurable years beyond,
My love will still be thine for aye!

HOW A CHICAGO GIRL FIXED HIM.

"Will you do something to oblige me?" shyly asked a beautiful young woman of a timid gentleman whose acquaintance she had made at a small social gathering on West Adams street the other evening.

"Anything that I can in honor, miss," he replied, blushing.

"Well," said she, "come into the back parlor, where it is dark, and sit on the sofa with me, and let me rest my head on your shoulder, and you pretend to whisper in my ear—only don't blow, for that tickles and I can't laugh, for this new dress is very tight—and when anybody looks you can draw your arm away—I forgot to say I wanted you to put it around my waist—and I'll pretend to blush."

"But, my gracious, honored miss," stammered the young man, after hastily dividing four into 1877 and finding that it wasn't leap year, "my goodness, before all these people—and I'm already engaged—and your father must weigh—"

"Hush! I know what I'm up to," replied the artless girl. "I'm engaged, too, to that waxen-faced thing with somebody else's hair over there. I want to stir him up—to bring him down to business—make him come up to his milk—that's all."

The young man said that a load had been lifted from his bosom, and aided her to the best of his ability, so well, indeed, that in three-quarters of an hour the true betrothed got his girl into the library, demanded an explanation of her conduct, was softened by her tears, called himself a brute, asked her if she could ever forgive him, and promised to do better in future.

And how did the girl reward the young man who helped her to this happiness? Why, she never said a word to him all the evening, in fact, never mentioned him except to say to her reconciled lover, "Alonzo, could you have been so stupid as to think I could see anything to admire in such a mutton-headed clam as that?" O, woman, in our hours of ease!

HOW THE FRENCH WORKMAN LIVES.

The French laborer probably gets more for his wages than any other. His food is cheaper and more nourishing. His bouillon is the liquid essence of beef at a penny per bowl. His bread at the restaurant is thrown in without any charge, and is the best bread in the world. His hot coffee and milk is peddled about the streets in the morning at a sou per cup. It is coffee, not slops. His half bottle of claret is thrown in at a meal costing twelve cents. For a few cents he may enjoy an evening's amusement at one of the many minor theatres, with his coffee free. Sixpence pays for a nicely cushioned seat at the theatre. No gallery gods, no peanuts, pipe, smoke, drunkenness, yelling or howling. The Jardin des Plantes, the vast galleries and museums of the Louvre, Hotel Cluny, palace of the Luxembourg and Versailles are free for him to enter. Art and Science hold out to him their choicest treasures at small cost or no cost at all. French economy and frugality do not mean that constant retrenchment and self-denial which would deprive life of everything which makes it worth living for. Economy in France, more than in any other country, means the utilization of what America of what America throws away, but it does not mean a pinching process of reducing life to a barren existence of work and bread and water.

A Woonsocket clergyman was recently called upon by a couple who wished to get married, or, at least, the woman did. The man didn't seem to be very anxious about it, although he was in a condition that usually tends to make one reckless of consequence. As the woman was urgent, however, and the man made no serious objections, the ceremony was performed, the fee paid, and as they were about to leave the newly-made wife said to her husband: "Where shall we stay tonight, John?" "I don't know," answered John; "guess we'll stay where we did last night, that's a pooty good place."

The wife of a retired butcher sent her daughter to a fashionable boarding-school. On calling to see her the other day, she was astonished to learn that the girl made very little progess. "Yes, yes," said the mother, "I see how it is; she's always at the bottom of the class. If you were to put her at the top, now, it would give the girl a little more spirit."

He had proposed to her, and now with fear and trembling waited for her answer. "Only one word," he said, "if but to keep alive the fires of hope in my bosom." She looked at him tenderly, nay lovingly, and her lips moved in accents that went to the depth of his soul. She had asked him how much he earned a week.

A lady in general conversation, by ingeniously cooking her dates, was reducing her age to an astonishing degree. Her daughter, whose partly French blood had brought her a keen wit, interposed with the remonstrance, "At least, leave nine months between our ages, mamma!"

Observe a young father trying to appease a bawling baby, and you will witness ingenuity enough in ten minutes to make you think the man ought to be an inventor.

A tyrant, says the cynic, is the husband who refuses to be a slave to his wife.

HOME DECORATIONS.

At this season of the year we must begin to store up pretty things with which to decorate our winter rooms. Ferns can be used for this purpose in so many different ways that during the beautiful October days no one should fail to gather and press a quantity of them. If you have a shady window where ordinary house plants will not grow, you may have a few pots of luxurious ferns, without going to the expense and trouble of a Jardian case. Transfer the ferns carefully to a soil as near like their native one as possible. Select such as have young fronds just sprouting, as well as more mature ones. Keep the earth moist. By all means have a maiden hair among your collection. The pressed ferns can be arranged in groups with or without autumn leaves, and under or over pictures or mirrors or in groups upon the walls. The best medium for fastening them to any surface is gum tragacanth dissolved in water. It is free from color, and the slightest touch of its leaves or ferns is sufficient to fasten them securely. A damp cloth will remove all traces of it from the most delicate walls or papers. Use discrimination and taste in decorating your rooms, and do not overload them. Gather your leaves with regard to quality rather than quantity. I have seen a single spray of autumn leaves upon the wall of a room so magnificent in their crimson and gold that they seemed to finish the room as much as a costly picture would have done.

When the head of a Bulgarian family perceives that he is about to die he sends for the priest and begins to bargain with him about the price of his funeral. The moment he dies all the pots, pans and kettles in the house are turned upside down, and great care is taken to prevent either man or animal—especially a cat or a dog—from stepping across his body, as otherwise, in the opinion of his family he would turn into a vampyre and be a continual nuisance to them and to their neighbors. The body is burned without any coffin in a shallow grave and left there for three years, during which time many offerings of food and wine are placed left upon it. At the end of the third year the bones of the dead man are dug up, carefully washed, put in a linen bag, laid before the altar in the village church, and after receiving the blessings of the priest are finally buried for good.

Before she could utter the "Where *have* you been till this hour of the morning, anyhow?" which was trembling on her lips, he said: "Bin t'ther mind-readin'; bet yer seven dollars I can read yer mind this very minnit." "Well, you old fool, what am I thinking of now?" she said in a tone of sadness. "Thinkin' of! Why, I can read yer mind like ther open pages of 'er book; yer thinkin' I'm drunker'n a biled owl, but yer never was worse fooled in yer life." She only said that there must be something in mind-reading after all, for he had hit the nail right square on the head.

An exquisite, leading a dog by a string, lounged up to the ticket office window of a railway station last week, and inquired: "Must I—aw— take a ticket for a puppy? He was naturally much annoyed and surprised when the ticket seller answered, in a slightly bewildered tone, after a moment's reflection: "No, you can travel as an ordinary passenger."

Never place the feet in cold water; do not bathe while perspiring freely, nor directly after eating; brush the hair and teeth every day at least once; eat regularly and only wholesome food; avoid *all* stimulating and intoxicating drinks; take sleep at regular hours, and you will be both healthier and happier for thus caring for the house you live in.

Is there anything that will remove my freckles without poisoning my blood? CLARA.

Oh, yes; you can pull them out with a corkscrew, or you can let your brother take a jack plane or a spoke shave and shave them off. Or, if you merely want them made invisible, you can paint your face black, and they won't show.—*Hawkeye.*

Rattlebone's youngest boy is a genius. The other day he learned to whistle, and in the evening, just before tumbling into bed, he puckered up his little mouth and began to whistle in a slow, measured manner. "Why, my little son, what are you doing?" asked his mother. "Why, ma, I'm whistling my prayers."

"Did you steal the complainant's coal?" asked the magistrate of a seedy individual who was arraigned before him. "I decline to gratify the morbid curiosity of the public by answering that question," responded the seedy individual with a scornful glance at the reporter.

A Scotch woman, the other day, went over to the dram shop and asked for sixpenny-worth of whiskey. "Where's your bottle, my good woman?" inquired the host. "Och, man, I only live over the way, and I'll just take it in my mouth."

When a bride and groom go to church together, and the sun steals through stained glass, making his nose a bright carmine and hers a sickly green, they fancy the congregation admires them because they are so lovely.

"I will not learn a trade!" exclaimed the young Chicago blood to his father. But this business of learning a trade is only a matter of time, for within a year that young man was studying harness-making in the State Prison.

"Miss C——" said a gentleman one evening, "why are ladies so fond of officers?" "How stupid!" replied Miss C——; "is it not natural and proper that a lady should like a good offer, sir?"

The model husband has been found in Philadelphia. He don't permit his wife to do but half the work. She puts up the canned fruit in summer, and he puts it down in the winter.

The Albany *Argus* says that married people love each other better where they have a fight about once a year. Any further individual experience will be given room here.

A Frenchman asserts that for three women out of four, the attraction of travel is a chance to dine at a *table d'hote* and sleep in a strange bedroom.

There are beautiful warm soda springs in Colorado, and people who go bathing in them at once exclaim: "Oh, but this is soda-licious."

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Not the Question!

The Democrats and some Republicans in this State campaign are talking as though the only question at issue is between Hayes and Tilden. Several Republican newspapers can think of nothing else besides civil service reform, while Democratic speakers are constantly harping on the fraud upon Tilden. Now, these questions have nothing to do with the Massachusetts election. The question simply is, shall Mr. Rice be reelected, or shall we try Mr. Gaston again? There is really so little enthusiasm concerning these gentlemen that were it not for the local candidates the election would almost go by default. There are no new questions of State policy, no proposed reforms, no new gubernatorial candidates to excite enthusiasm, no public necessities to draw out the voters. Mr. Rice and Mr. Gaston are well known. They have both been Governor. They are staid, sober, respectable men, and either would run the Government for the next twelve months very well. Mr. Rice is already in harness and is doing well as any new man could do, and there is no reason for change. If Mr. Gaston should be elected his hands would be tied by a Republican council and Legislature, so that the Democratic party could not run much into power if it desired to. Thus hampered, his usefulness could not be as great as that of Governor Rice, who is unexceptionable as a Republican candidate, and worthy of reelection.

Eastern Hampden Senator.

Skies look bright in the Eastern Hampden Senatorial district. Mr. Gardner will run ahead of his ticket in the whole district and especially in the eastern portion where he is best known. He has had experience as a legislator, is a cool-headed, sagacious, practical man, whose sympathies are always with the working classes. The opposition have attempted to charge him with opposing an amendment to the trustee process when in the session of 1876, while the fact is he endeavored to procure such modification of the law as would make it better for the poor man. Mr. Gardner will make a safe and judicious senator, and will do honor to the Eastern Hampden District. Let him be elected by a rousing majority.

Our Candidate for Councilor!

The only opposition to the election of Mr. Haynes comes from the democratic party and men along the Hoosac line of railroad. The latter are more fierce in their opposition than the democrats. Mr. Haynes never has concealed his opposition to the State spending more money on the tunnel enterprise, which has already burdened our people with debt and taxation. The millions squandered on the tunnel are lost, and it is high time that there was an organized effort made to stop further appropriations which are called for. It really is one of the most important questions that will come before the next Legislature, and the council must have a hand in it before the money is taken from the treasury.

County Commissioner.

The Republicans of this county should elect Edwin Chase of Holyoke county commissioner, in place of John O'Donnell who has been renominated by the Democrats. This O'Donnell is a mere cipher on the board. Thayer of Westfield has but to nod to him and he will vote to put half a dozen bridges across the Connecticut. There should be a man on the board who has gumption enough to stop Thayer from building any more Connecticut river bridges, and Mr. Chase is just the man for that business.

Good Advice.

John I. Baker, the candidate of the Prohibitionists for Governor last year, gives this honest opinion of Governor Rice: "I think him an excellent man, a superior Governor, and an able administrator. He is an honest and good man." With this Prohibitory endorsement the temperance men will be likely to think it better to vote for Mr. Rice than help elect a rum ticket by voting for Pitman. Cannot they see it?

Governor Rice.

Mr. Rice has been Governor of Massachusetts for two years, and has filled the office honorably and with general satisfaction. No good reason has been given for throwing him overboard and taking up Mr. Gastan. Nothing but apathy on the part of Republicans, will result in his defeat. The Prohibitionists are trying to help Gaston by advocating Pitman, well knowing their own cause will be injured by a democratic success.

To the Polls!

There is quite a revival in politics lately and old Massachusetts is determined not to give up the ship to Democracy this year. After the Presidential battle of last year there came a lull in politics as there always does after an exciting election, but it takes only a short time to rally the old guard, and this is being pretty thoroughly done now. A day given to the public service is the duty of every voter.

Good Candidates.

The Republicans have made unusually good nominations this fall, and their candidates should receive a hearty support. Every man with the right and privilege to vote should have a voice in the selection of those who are to make the laws we are to live under. Do not stay away from the polls and then complain of unjust legislation.

Ex-Gov. Gaston has taken the stump in his own behalf. He was never a great stump speaker, and will have no great effect now on the platform.

National Thanksgiving day on Thursday, 29th inst., according to the President's proclamation.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The Prohibitionists are going to vote for N. A. Leonard for district attorney, and that is the smartest streak we have seen in the party in this part of the State.

Every man who votes the Prohibition ticket virtually casts a vote for the Democratic candidate for Governor. Either Rice or Gaston will be elected, and a third candidate will draw very few votes from the latter. Those disposed to vote the Prohibitory ticket should remember this.

The Hampshire county working-men adopted candidates from the other parties on Saturday as follows: Sheriff, H. A. Longley, Republican; Senator, C. S. Robinson of Ware, Democrat; county commissioner, S. P. Billings of Hatfield, Democrat; special commissioners, W. H. Bridgman of Belchertown, Democrat, Marcus Morton of Northampton, Democrat; district-attorney, D. W. Bond of Northampton, Republican. They will probably vote for Tilly Haynes for councilor.

Look over the list of candidates carefully, and recollect genuine merit should be the controlling influence in voting.

The Republicans in the eastern part of the State are rallying quite enthusiastically in this campaign. The only drawback is the attempt to fasten their enthusiasm to the Hayes policy.

H. M. Sessions of Wilbraham, our last year's representative, readily suits himself to emergencies. He took part in the Republican Senatorial Convention here, then went to Springfield and presided over the Prohibitory Senatorial Convention, and will probably vote for the candidate nominated there.

The Republicans of the 11th Hampden district have nominated Edwin Gilbert of Southwick for representative.

Brimfield has designated Pliny F. Spaulding of that town for representative from the 1st district.

J. J. Callinan of Holyoke is the Prohibitory candidate for high sheriff, and the Irishmen are going to vote for him pretty generally.

The Baltimore workingmen's executive committee are wrestling with the problem of the possibility of a ward with 1580 registered voters casting over 2000 votes. All things are possible in a Democratic city like Baltimore.

Decline in Valuation.

Statistics of valuation gathered by the assessors of the State this year, show a decline of one hundred and one millions of dollars in the valuation of real and personal property. The great inflation of prices caused by the war is rapidly contracting, so that in many instances real and personal property is not worth as much as it was before the rebellion. In Hampden county the total decrease in valuation of real and personal estate from 1876 to 1877 is $5,016,058, and in Hampshire county the decrease is $907,950, while in most of the eastern counties the decrease has been much larger. It is thought we have reached bottom in this decline of property, but until business revives there will be no perceptible rally. The overbuilding in the State has been immense, and in many places it is a wonder where the people who occupied the vacant houses have gone to.

Now Springfield is worrying for fear that the new South-end bridge will flood the city and perhaps be carried away itself, as certain engineers say that the piers of the bridge, according to the specifications, will take up ten per cent of the water way—a dangerous proportion in time of high water. It is also feared that some fellow will set fire to the old toll bridge one of these days, thus necessitating a new one in its place—and the city hasn't a representative on the board of county commissioners. Really, Springfield's cup is about full.

The President is getting a little scared at the effect of his civil service order, and is afraid Massachusetts will go back on him. Gen. Devens, of the Cabinet, has written collector Simmons, asking him to take the stump, and Simmons is going to do it. The President is beginning to learn that when the watch dogs are called off and shut up, the wolves make sad havoc in the fold.

Chinese officials have taken possession of the one railroad in the Empire and stopped all traffic on it. The progressive influences of a railroad are a little too much for the slow-going Celestials, and they will have to educate a great many more of their children in this country before the Yankee go-aheaditiveness will get implanted in their minds to any extent.

Senator Alvin P. Morton of Indiana, who has been sick for some months, died at 5 o'clock on Thursday afternoon. He was 55 years of age. His funeral will take place at 1 o'clock p. m. on Monday. The President and many members of Congress will probably attend the funeral.

The President has been on a trip to Richmond, where he was the guest of the city. He spoke to the people there and several of his Cabinet also made short speeches. Dr. Loring of Massachusetts was with the company.

Our Government might well follow the example of Germany in authorizing double postal cards, to be used when a return answer is requested. It would be a great convenience and oftentimes quite a saving to business men.

The President of the Cuban republic has been captured by the Spanish troops, but the Patriots are in nowise disheartened, and propose to keep on fighting until their independence is achieved.

Gen. Forrest, a well-known Confederate officer, who will be remembered chiefly for his butchery of negroes at Fort Pillow in 1864, died at Memphis Monday evening.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

A billiard expert was in town Wednesday, and astonished the natives by his skill.

Frank Mason's barber shop is removed to new rooms in Cross's block, over Willis's store.

Extensive improvements are being made at the Antique House by the carpenters and painters.

George S., son of E. L. Davis, has bought a farm in Leverett of a Mr. Dillon, and takes possession at once.

The young people's society of the Second Cong. church hold their first sociable next Wednesday evening.

To accommodate voters from this village, a free train is to be run to the town house at 1 o'clock, next Tuesday.

Sunday and Monday were set apart in England and America as days of special prayer for Sunday schools.

Boston & Albany stockholders can draw their usual dividend of $4 a share, on the 15th inst., at the usual place.

Last Wednesday night was Hallowe'en, and it was celebrated with considerable fun by at least one or two families in town.

Dr. Stowe was called a few days since to set a broken arm for a little daughter of Huntington, the painter, and the child is all right again.

The afternoon train from Brattleboro, by a change of time, is now due at 5.35, in time to connect with the 5.48 express west on the B. & A. R. R.

The revised list of voters has been posted in the post office. All legal voters are requested to examine it and see that their names are properly entered.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" is to be played at the Town Hall next Wednesday evening, by the "Wilkinson Combination," which visited Palmer last season, and gave a very good show.

Read our special terms to clubs in another column, and remember that new subscribers sending their names and money before the first of December get the balance of this year *free*.

The first dramatic play which the Dramatic Club will attempt this season, and which they are now rehearsing, is entitled, "The Time and the Hour." They expect to have it ready Dec. 5th.

A. W. Bennett of South Wilbraham sends us a bunch of strawberries picked from his garden, and they are fresh as strawberries in July. Alvin Hastings brings another specimen of late fruit—a stem of raspberries.

This (Saturday) evening comes Prof. Marshall's lecture at Wales Hall, on Our American Wonderland, illustrated by the oxy-hydrogen light. Arrangements are being made to have the school children well represented, and it will be profitable for older heads to see and hear about the wonders of our vast national park.

Mr. T. D. Potter of this town, the nominee of the Republicans and Prohibitionists for representative, assures us that he is pledged in no way on the liquor question. He is well known as a consistent temperance man, and if he goes to the Legislature his judgment can be safely trusted on all matters he may be called to act upon.

The Republicans and Prohibitionists of this town having united on a representative, why not for the same reasons all unite on Mr. Gardner for senator, and Mr. Rice for Governor? They are all good temperance men enough for the average citizen, and it will be better than to help elect Gaston by voting for one of those other "fellers."

By a new order from the Postmaster General, all route agents and mail messengers are required to don a new uniform of blue, costing some $28 each, before the 1st of January next. Willard C. Hitchcock, route agent, has been given a new run, so that he will hereafter leave Palmer at 6.45 p. m., and go to Albany, returning the following day at 11.37 a. m.

The young people had an evening of genuine pleasure Wednesday, under Dr. Stowe's hospitable roof. Music and dancing, wit and sentiment, together with the cordial hospitality of the host and hostess made all light and merry within, and a thorough contrast to the gloom and rain without. The Universalists enjoyed a sociable at F. J. Wassum's on Pleasant street Thursday evening.

A splendid grey eagle, measuring 6 feet 9 inches from tip to tip of his wings, was captured in Brimfield Saturday, by a Mr. Shaw. When first seen the bird was hovering close to the ground as though bewildered, and Mr. Shaw was able to get a blow at him with a club, when he showed fight, but repeated blows stunned him, and he was taken. Otis Griffin of this village is having him stuffed.

One of the best minstrel troupes traveling is Harry Bloodgood's company, which gives an entertainment in Wales Hall Wednesday evening, the 7th inst. They have never condescended to visit the smaller towns before, and are sure of a big house on their first visit. They have 23 artists and a fine cornet band. Five celebrated comedians — Bloodgood, Leavitt, Wilson and Lord, are with the company.

The register of deeds gives the following changes in real estate up to Oct. 25: Daniel G. Green to Chas. F. Clough, lot on Green St., Monson, $1000; Austin D. Fuller to Charles F. Fuller, undivided half of woodland in Ludlow, $650; Caroline Brown and others of Palmer to Caroline Keith of Belchertown, farm in Palmer, $290; also a real estate mortgage from Francis Bliss of Monson to Loren Bishop of Wilbraham, land and buildings in Monson, $800.

The Boston & Albany railroad corporation must be getting cramped in means, judging from the way they have narrowed the sidewalk across their bridge in this village. Two goodly sized women can with difficulty pass each other, and we shall expect some fearful accident to happen there one of these days. The whole bridge ought to come down, and a new one with a walk on each side substituted. We understand a petition is in circulation asking the railroad to do something of the sort.

The officers of the Lyceum for November are—C. H. Childs, president; vice presidents, G. H. Appleton and C. L. Gardner; S. H. Hellyar, secy.; O. P. Allen, treasurer; and an executive committee composed of Earl Grey Baldwin, C. L. Gardner, J. K. Warren, Mrs. E. G. Baldwin and Mrs. C. L. Gardner. Thursday evening a resolve in reference to the trustee process was debated by Messrs. Gardner, Baldwin, Warren and Holbrook. Next week the question is, "Resolved, That disabled Confederate soldiers shold be pensioned by the general government."

The result of "spotter" Davis's work in this town when brought before the District Court last week and the present, with the court's action thereon, makes quite a long docket, as follows: Michael Griffin, two charges of illegal sales, $50 and costs each; also one for violation of Lord's Day, $20 and costs, appealed; Otis B. Griffin and Alfred Ryder, illegal sales, $50 and costs each; paid; Patsey Griffin, Dennis Mahoney, Michael Foley, Joseph Thompson, Joseph Barrett, W. J. McCormick, John Feeney and Wm. Thompson each appealed from a $50 fine for sales, and F. M. Connor also appealed from a $100 judgment for a sale and $20 for violation of Lord's Day. Complaint against John F. Twiss *nol pros'd*, and Cornelius Kelliher, charged with illegal keeping was discharged.

T. D. POTTER FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

The Republican convention of the 2d Hampden district which met at Wilbraham on Thursday, nominated T. D. Potter of this town for representative, he having every vote on the formal ballot. The Prohibitory convention met at the same place and also nominated Mr. Potter. S. S. Taft presided and E. Charles was secretary at the Republican convention and John A. Squier was chairman and J. I. Milliken secretary of the Prohibitory convention.

REV. B. M. FULLERTON NOMINATED FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

The Democrats of the 2d Hampden Representative district held a convention at Feeney's Hall, Friday afternoon. H. Seism was chosen chairman and W. R. Parks secretary. A ballot for a candidate resulted in the selection of Rev. B. M. Fullerton, pastor of the Cong. church, by a vote of 17 to 2 for Wm. R. Parks. It is understood that Mr. Fullerton is a staunch Republican, but the Democrats are determined to "get the best," and they put him forward, not as a democratic candidate, but as a citizen's candidate, and will endeavor to elect him, whether he is willing or not.

THREE RIVERS.

Rev. Mr. Berry is to preach for the Y. M. C. A. next Wednesday evening.

COLLINS DEPOT.

Levi Collins lost a valuable horse last Saturday from colic.

That long needed water trough has been placed in front of the stores.

A petition is in circulation to get the name of Collins Depot changed to North Wilbraham.

Mr. Pools's horse was frightened by the cars on Thursday, and ran away, making a wreck of an almost new buggy.

BONDVILLE.

Mr. Blinn has sold his house to Benj. Parsons for $1350.

Benj. Parsons has his wagon shop completed. He is to have a blacksmith shop connected.

Morse & Perant, our new merchants, are doing a flourishing business, live and let live, large sales and small profits being their motto.

One day last week a little girl 8 or 9 years old, by the name of Harrigan, was run over and received several bad bruises, and the driver, to make things all right, opened his heart and purse and gave the little thing ten cents.

BELCHERTOWN.

The Republicans have made a nomination of T. R. Green for representative. Democrats have made choice of E. R. Bridgman, independent republican.

The Methodists will hold a three days' meeting on the park, commencing Friday morning. Presiding Elder Whitaker will be present during the meetings.

Adolph Girouard, the Frenchman who had his team taken by J. D. Dwight, found it at West Carmel, Conn. Dwight is lodged in jail at Pittsfield to await trial.

A Belchertown Irishman recently sold three dressed hogs to an Indian Orchard butcher, and the latter cut them up and sold considerable of the meat, but it soon began to come back to him, and inquiry developed the fact that one of the hogs was one of that decided male sex which the law says shall not be sold in this way under heavy penalties. The Irishman on calling for his pay was at first inclined to be somewhat obstreperous, but on finding out his liability to prosecution he cooled down and returned home without the money, taking the rejected pork with him.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

John Adams has commenced the building of a blacksmith shop, near his wheelwright shop, for custom work. Joseph Cunningham is to occupy the shop.

As there is no hotel in this village, an effort is being made to prepare meals at Academy Hall Tuesday next, for all who desire a dinner when at town meeting, also to stable horses.

Our merchant Fuller has sold his stock of goods, and the new firm will read Smith Bros., consisting of Sumner Smith and Lyman Smith, the former of this village and the latter of Springfield.

David Twohig's large dog made two assaults on William Leach, biting him the second time badly. He made the third attempt when Leach happened to be prepared with a double shooter, which weapon the dog could not stand. Twohig demands redress, resorts to law, when he finds hard work to procure legal assistance. Mischievous dogs are a nuisance this year.

The selectmen have been notified by District Attorney Lathrop that a complaint has been made against the town for not establishing and maintaining a high school according to law. In consequence of said complaint, the selectmen have called a town meeting the 6th of November next, to see if the town will vote to establish such school, or vote to ask the next Legislature to divide the town. Wilbraham is peculiarly situated, having three villages—North, Center and South. The center has an academy, the South would not be benefitted by a school at the North, and vice versa. Under these circumstances many are desirous of a division of the town, and it is hoped a full expression will be had.

WEST WARREN.

The assessors' report is criticised considerably, as it is said to be inconsistent in many particulars.

John Downey broke into a house Tuesday night in which his wife resided, (with whom he has refused to live,) pounded her, and attempted to carry away their crippled boy. He has escaped without arrest.

Saturday afternoon an unknown man was struck by an engine in front of which he stepped to avoid a train coming the other way, and was knocked some distance, but did not appear to be badly injured.

A man named Sherman fell out of his wagon between this village and Warren, Sunday, and his horse stopped, leaving one wheel resting on his neck, in which position he remained some time, yet he was not killed.

The Boston & Albany's new time table makes West Warren people unhappy, as it was very convenient for them to go to Warren on Fay's train, spend an hour, and return on Clark's train, all for ten cents; and large numbers availed themselves of this privilege, especially on Saturdays.

West Warren voters have come to think that there are plenty of men in this village who are capable of representing the town in the Legislature, and feel that they have been slighted, inasmuch as no one has ever been sent from this part of the town. The bitter feeling toward Warren for denying them this honor is so prevalent that it is generally conceded in case a Warren man is nominated by the Republicans for representative, and the Democrats nominate Willard Hall of West Warren, that Hall will be elected over the Republican candidate. This belief is well grounded, as two years ago when Hall ran against Wetherbee of Warren he was defeated by less than ten votes. Another good reason for a bolt among the Republicans of West Warren was given by Warren's action regarding the late caucus. A preliminary caucus to send delegates to the representative convention was held here Saturday night to choose four of the nine delegates to which the town is entitled, as allowed by the town committee, and the list of names was confidingly sent up to be ratified at the general caucus held at Warren Monday evening; but, although the list contained the names of two of the town committee, it was ignored, and the entire delegation, with two exceptions, were Warren men.

WILBRAHAM.

Miss Sears is still unable to attend to her duties as teacher in the academy.

Athena's open society bulletin was sold at auction to F. E. Howell of Meriden, Conn., and the paper of the evening to Mr. Hurlbut of Collins Paper Company.

The first accident on the new Cong. church was last Tuesday. A piece of board fell from the steeple, cutting a place about an inch long on the head of one of the tinners.

Club society has received an anonymous present in the form of an oil painting. It may be in return for the one stolen from their hall a year or two ago.

Some of the timber of the old barn, known as the "Astor house," is to be used for a hook and ladder truck house.

The same old story again. There is an article in the warrant for town meeting to see whether the town will petition for a division of the town.

MONSON.

This (Saturday) evening temperance meeting at the M. E. church.

William King is shingling and repairing his premises on South Main street.

L. G. Charles has sold his house and lot on Green street to Marcus Alden of South Wilbraham.

Alfred Wallace has bought of Dana Stebbins his dwelling house and land near the Tobey place.

It is estimated that there will be ten times as many Prohibitory votes this fall as there were last year. Last year 2.

No fire engine, no reservoir in case of fire, and no interest in any means that would afford protection against the fire fiend. Other towns have thus delayed to their sorrow.

We ought to have a course of lectures this winter, and if the reading room association would start in the matter there is not much doubt but what the public would help it along.

A. D. Norcross, our efficient assistant postmaster, has been laid up with neuralgia, but by the application of counter irritants, he is now able to attend to his customary vocation.

Not much excitement in regard to politics, and the prospect is that Monson will go about as usual, except in case of the nominee for Senator, where many friends of the candidate will vote for him, irrespective of former party affiliations.

Dr. Alvin Smith has had quite a series of reverses. He lost a valuable mare in the summer; while at Northampton a few weeks ago he lost his pocket book containing nearly $200, and Thursday his newly bought mare started down the hill without a driver, but fortunately was caught before doing any damage.

A pleasant surprise party was that which gathered at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Moores of Monson on Monday the 29th, it being the 50th anniversary of their marriage. Over twenty relatives of ages from 77 years to three months were represented, one of whom has been three times a widow, and is still fresh and blooming. Two families of twelve and fourteen children were represented. A bountiful board was spread, to which ample justice was done, afterwards a greeting suitable to the occasion was read by one who seems to know just how to do such things. The company left behind them substantial tokens of their call, and with the wish for the aged couple that the evening of their days may "grow brighter and brighter unto the perfect day."

It begins to leak out why Commissioner Thayer of Westfield is so much interested in building bridges across the Connecticut river. He is an engineer, and received $1109 besides his regular salary for engineering the North-end bridge, while at the same time E. A. Fisher, another Westfield man, got $4729 for additional engineering, and F. S. Smith, still another Westfield man, got $623 for inspecting, making a total of $3451 for engineering and inspecting. Does not this kind of work offer a motive to Thayer for building bridges? And all this time we should like to know what Donnelly of Holyoke and Hubbard of Brimfield have been doing. Do they get a portion of the "swag" for standing still and letting Thayer engineer the enterprises? Mr. Hubbard says he knew nothing about the letting of the South-end bridge—that Thayer went on and did it without his knowledge or consent. If such be the case then Mr. Hubbard should make such a fuss about it as would compel Thayer to at least acknowledge Hubbard to be a member of the board.

Speaker Randall, in the make-up of his committees, gave eighteen chairmanships to the South and fourteen to the West and Middle States. When we consider that such a large number of chairmanships are given to about one-third of the population, and that to a section just emerged from an infamous rebellion, it plainly indicates the drift of things under a democratic House, and a ——President.

Tilden has got home from his European tour and made a speech to a party of callers on Saturday evening. He expressed himself on the Presidential question again, and showed himself still very sore over it. He no doubt feels more keenly on the subject since the New York Democracy has put itself in a way which forbids his nomination again.

It happens that the Springfield *Republican* opposes the republican candidate for sheriff, and the *Union* retaliates by opposing the republican candidate for councilor. Both are good men, however, and there is little doubt of their election.

Fires.—Some cooper shops and a keg factory at Pittsburg, Pa., were burned Sunday morning at a loss of $30,000. A stable and another cooper shop in other parts of the city were burned about the same time, and it is thought an organized effort was made to burn the city.——The mining town of Earlington, Ky., was about half destroyed by fire Monday.

Shingles are reported very cheap at Martin & Smith's, Lyman Street, Springfield.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

Farmer A. S. Stone of Gardner dropped dead while doing his chores Sunday morning.

Two hundred and fifty persons perished in the recent coal mine explosion near Glasgow, Scotland.

Domestic troubles led Calvin Crapo, a farmer of Wallingford, Vt., to shoot himself the other day.

Ezra B. Worthen was sentenced at Lowell, Monday, to the State Prison for seven years, for attempting to kill his wife in August.

John Butterworth, the North Andover wife murderer, has been convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to the State Prison for 12 years.

Wesley Guyer, an old resident of Palestine, O., was called to the door the other night and riddled with bullets by a gang of masked men.

Some children in Leavenworth, Kan., the other day set fire to a hay-stack in which a playmate had hidden, and the little fellow was burned to death.

The whaling barks Rainbow and W. A. Farnsworth of New Bedford has been lost in the Arctic Sea, and several other whalers have met with disasters.

Capt. J. P. Pillsbury of Woonsocket, R. I., a prominent citizen and manager of the machine company, hanged himself Sunday—the result of long-continued melancholy.

The toll-gate keeper on the Circleville pike, and his wife, living 60 miles north of Chillicothe, O., were shot dead last Friday night, and their house plundered and burned.

Granville Cole and his son Eugene, of Ashland, were on Monday sentenced to 10 and 8 years respectively in the State Prison for the horrible crime of incest with the daughter and sister.

A mother and daughter in Atchison, Kansas, were poisoned, lately, by eating apples picked from a tree in their yard. Some villain had cut the skin of the fruit and inserted arsenic.

Lewis Myers, the county treasurer who recently attempted to conceal a $47,000 embezzlement by "putting up" a sham robbery in the streets of Wapokonetta, O., has confessed his guilt, and goes to jail for three years.

Jesse Dwight of Boston was arrested at Holyoke last week for decamping with several livery teams, which he had hired at different places. He did not attempt to sell them, but would use them as far as he cared to go, and then leave them.

Wm. Jordan, porter at the Fitchburg Hotel, was reaching up to take down an article hanging high above his head the other day when the knob on which his foot rested gave way, and he was hung upon a hook, which went clean through his right wrist.

Killed by a Girl.—Benjamin F. Muzzey, a pistol maker, was fatally wounded at Norwich Falls last Sunday morning, being struck six times with a base ball club. Louise A. Bowen, a girl of about 20, who discovered him in her sleeping room, says she committed the deed thinking him a burglar. Muzzey died in two hours. The girl is under arrest.

In South America they have lately experienced serious earthquakes, a hurricane, and an attempt has been made to assassinate the President of Guatemala by a priest, who was shot dead by the President's servant.

LOCAL NOMINATIONS.

The following is a list of prominent local nominations made hereabouts:

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, DIST. NO. 8.

Tilly Haynes of Springfield, rep.
W. M. Gaylord of Northampton, dem.
C. A. Merrill of Holyoke, pro.

FOR DIST. ATTORNEY, WESTERN DIST.

N. A. Leonard of Springfield, rep and pro.
E. H. Lathrop of Springfield, dem.

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT.

D. W. Bond of Northampton, rep. and labor.
S. O. Lamb of Greenfield, dem. and Ind.

SENATORS—HAMPDEN COUNTY.

1. C. L. Gardner of Palmer, rep.
William L. Smith of Springfield, dem.
Henry W. Hallett of Springfield, pro.
2. Aaron Bagg of West Springfield, rep.
Henry C. Ewing of Holyoke, dem.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

Lewis N. Gilbert of Ware, rep.
Charles S. Robinson of Ware, dem. and labor.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Henry Winn of Buckland, rep. and dem.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

1. F. P. Brown of North Adams, rep. and pro.
W. H. Phillips of Pittsfield, dem.
2. Harrison Garfield of Lee, rep.
H. J. Canfield of Stockbridge, dem.

COUNTY OFFICERS—HAMPDEN.

Republican—Sheriff, Justin D. Parks of Springfield; county commissioner, Edwin Chase of Holyoke; special commissioners, W. R. Sessions of Wilbraham, Samuel A. Bartholomew of Blandford; commissioners of insolvency, W. B. Rogers of Springfield, F. D. Lincoln of Brimfield, J. R. Dunbar of Westfield.

Democratic—Sheriff, Hiram Q. Sanderson of Springfield; county commissioner, John O'Donnell of Holyoke; special commissioners, S. C. Spellman of Wilbraham, Roland Parks of Russell; commissioners of insolvency, J. P. Wall and T. B. Warren of Springfield, H. W. Ely of Westfield.

Prohibitory—Sheriff, J. J. Callinan of Holyoke; county commissioner, Edward Chase of Holyoke; special commissioners, E. B. Haskell of Springfield, H. M. Sessions of Wilbraham.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

Republican—Sheriff, Henry A. Longley of Northampton; county commissioner, Elnathan Graves of Williamsburg; special commissioners, S. L. Parsons of Northampton, C. E. Blood of Ware.

Democratic—Sheriff, H. E. Alvord of Easthampton; county commissioner, S. P. Billings of Hatfield; special commissioners, Marcus Morton of Northampton, Wm. H. Bridgman of Belchertown.

Labor Reform—Sheriff, H. A. Longley; county commissioner, S. P. Billings; special commissioners, W. H. Bridgman, Marcus Morton.

Mr. Editor:—In answer to your query of last week, "Is it a creditable thing for temperance men to employ a fellow to visit liquor saloons, get drunk on the liquor he buys to convict sellers, stagger through the street, and then appear in court against those who sold him the stuff?" I say no, gentlemen. Neither has it been done by any temperance men of Palmer. If a detective has done the disreputable and unlawful deeds you intimate, it was his own choice, and he only is responsible. No action has been authorized by the temperance men except such as is just and right, and calculated to save the seller, the drinker and the community from the curse of the grog-shop. To this work every right-minded citizen should give the helping word and deed.

One of Many.

Long indulgence in over eating or drinking produces a disorganized liver and all the evils attendant upon such derangements; depression of spirits, habitual costiveness, nervous exhaustion, indigestion; pain in the head, with nausea; fullness of stomach after meals, chillines, general debility and languor. Seek relief from Simmons's Liver Regulator.

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Dr. Congdon, the well-known Indian Doctor from Westfield, has taken rooms at the Nassawanno House, Palmer, for two weeks, four days each week, commencing Oct. 30th, (Tuesdays until Fridays, 5 p. m.) each week. Remember next week will be the last week. Be sure and see him, for the press speaks of him in the highest terms. The Doctor will visit Palmer once a month, and all that are afflicted should go and see him.

FACTS, FASHIONS AND FOIBLES.

—Italian mothers can vote.
—St Louis has Sunday boat-races.
—Thiers was a great lover of codfish.
—The fall style of hat is a sort of plug ugly.
—Butchers are now using meatrical measure.
—Victor Hugo breakfasts on smoked herrings.
—Speaker Randall has thin lips and a cold eye.
—A planter in Lockhart, Texas, raises his own tea.
—Have you ever eaten cheese with bananas at dessert?
—Wild geese have started on their Southern pilgrimage.
—Japonicas sell for five dollars each in San Francisco.
—Among Stanley's discoveries are 15,000,000 unknown negroes.
—An Austin (Tex.) editor says a church is in "full blast" there.
—The London police have been forbidden to wear moustaches.
—Girls in Georgia wear hats made of natural leaves and flowers.
—Maltese kittens were peddled in New York the other day at $3 each.
—Love, the toothache and tight boots are things which cannot be kept secret.
—Seasons and fashions change, but the fall style of neuralgia remains the same.
—The Bird of Paradise, so long tabooed, is again making ladies' hats conspicuous.
—English ivy grows rapidly in water, and shoots of it can be started in bracket vases.
—Jennie June says that Anna Dickinson has had an offer of marriage from Gen. Butler.
—Meissonier, it is said, never painted a woman; but a good many women paint themselves.
—An old lady 90 years old living in Blackville, S. C., is just recovering from the whooping cough.
—A girl at Cohoes, N. Y., has been sent home from school for persisting in standing on her head.
—Great Britain has signed a treaty with the United States in regard to trade-marks and labels.
—It is alleged that Kentucky Congressmen lost $50,000 on the big race at Baltimore on Wednesday.
—The large retail dry goods firms in New York say that business is brisker than it has been in two years.
—An apple tree at Winthrop has a crop of ripe fruit on one side and new buds and blossoms on the other.
—One hundred patients have been removed from the Taunton Asylum to the new institution at Worcester.
—The electric light at the depot of the Paris and Lyons Railroad is now one of the sights of the French capital.
—All of the public buildings at Washington, with the exception of the new State Department building, are not fire-proof.
—The Eucalyptus trees planted at Nice have prevented, during the last two years, the malarial fevers usual in that city.
—A daily "oyster train" now leaves Baltimore over the Northern Central Railway for points west, northwest, and southwest.
—Heavily embroidered and beaded overgarments are again coming in style. Last year they were pronounced "horrid."
—Small Brazilian monkeys are in greater demand for pets than toy terriers. Evolution seems to be going backward here.
—Thirty thousand people are engaged in the oyster trade at Baltimore, and the Chesapeake oyster fleet includes 700 craft.
—"You want a divorce, and I am going to give you one free of cost," is what a San Francisco husband wrote to his wife before killing himself.
—Mr. Moody, when he was resting from his winter's work at Northfield, rested thus: He preached three times on Sunday, and took a place in the Bible class at noon.

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At Palmer, 1st, a son to JOHN CLEE.
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At Enfield, 28th ult., a son to I. N. SPENCER.

MARRIED.

At Three Rivers, 1st, by Rev. Chas T. Johnson, FRANKLIN DICKINSON, Esq., of Belchertown, and Mrs. HULDAH C. STEELE.
At Springfield, 30th ult., EDWARD N. HARRIS of Bellows Falls, Vt., and MINNIE G. KEITH of Westmoreland, N. H.
At Somers, Ct., 29th ult., W. AMOS PEASE of Philadelphia, Pa., and Alice W., youngest daughter of Dr. William B. Woods.

DIED.

At Palmer, 1st, infant son of JOHN CLEE.
At Brimfield, 14th ult., ERVING B., 7 months, only son of Wilbur G. Parker.
At Springfield, 30th ult., EDWARD E. BOYINGTON, 38.

NOTICE.—I hereby forbid all persons harboring or trusting my son, Henry M. Soule, on my account, as I have given him his time, and shall claim none of his wages nor pay debts of his contracting after this date. ANSON SOULE.
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Whereas, Horatio L. Parker, the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance the first and final account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased:
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be holden at Springfield, in said county, on the first Tuesday of December next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.
And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week, in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper printed at Palmer, three weeks successively, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.
Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said court, this thirty-first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To the next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Patrick McManamy, late of Palmer, in said county, deceased, intestate:
Whereas, application has been made to said court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Ellen McManamy of Palmer, in the county of Hampden,
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of December next, at nine o'clock before noon, to show cause, if any you have, against granting the same.
And the applicant is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.
Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esq., Judge of said court, this thirty-first day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Mary Twiss, late of Palmer, in said county, deceased, Greeting:
Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said court, for Probate, by Richard Twiss, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, and that he may be exempt from giving a surety or sureties on his official bond as such executor,
You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of December next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.
And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.
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In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the town of Palmer qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Palmer, on Tuesday, the sixth of November next, at ten o'clock a. m., to bring in their votes to the selectmen for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, Councillor in Dist. No. 3, Secretary of State, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, Senator for First Hampden District, Sheriff for Hampden County, one County Commissioner and two Special Commissioners for Hampden County, District Attorney for Western District, three Commissioners of Insolvency, all on one ballot; also, a Representative to the General Court for District No. Two, on a separate ballot; also, on a separate ballot, by Yes or No, to the proposed amendment to the Constitution.
Article of Amendment: So much of Article Two of Chapter Six of the Constitution of this Commonwealth as relates to persons holding the office of President, professor or instructor of Harvard College is hereby annulled, and such persons shall be eligible to seats in the Senate and House of Representatives.
The polls are to remain open from ten o'clock a. m. until two o'clock p. m.
And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting, at the different places designated by a vote of said town, and publishing said warrant in the Palmer Journal, two issues at least before the time of said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, on or before the time of said meeting.
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A true copy. Attest: H. A. NORTHROP, Constable.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.—September Term, 1877. Melissa Sampson Lib. v. Charles W. Sampson.

DIVORCE.

In the above entitled libel for divorce, it is now ordered that a decree of divorce from the bonds of matrimony be entered in favor of the said Melissa Sampson, for the cause of the gross and confirmed habits of intoxication and desertion of the said Charles W. Sampson, to be made absolute on motion after the expiration of six months from the first publication of this decree, upon compliance with the terms thereof, unless sufficient cause to the contrary shall appear.
And the libellant is required to publish, as soon as may be, an attested copy of this order in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper printed in Palmer, in said county of Hampden, once a week, for six successive weeks, that all persons interested may, within said six months, show cause, if any they have, why said decree should not be made absolute.
By the Court, ROBERT O. MORRIS, Clerk.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.—September Term, 1877. Elizabeth H. Hitchcock Lib. v. Albert D. Hitchcock.

DIVORCE.

In the above entitled libel for divorce, it is now ordered that a decree of divorce from the bonds of matrimony be entered in favor of the said Elizabeth H. Hitchcock for the cause of desertion of the said Albert D. Hitchcock, to be made absolute on motion after the expiration of six months from the first publication of this decree, upon compliance with the terms thereof, unless sufficient cause to the contrary shall appear. Libellant may resume her maiden name of Elizabeth Hamlin.
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The law required this cruel thing,
Though Mary thought it wrong.

When Mary took her daily walk,
A-leading of the pup,
It made the neighbors laugh and talk
To see him trip her up.

He ran around a peanut stand
That happened to be near,
And Mary took a tumble and
Her stockings did appear.

"What makes the young men laugh so much?"
The neighbors did inquire,
"Because a puppy's nature's such!"
Said Mary, red as fire.

LIVING WITHOUT FOOD.

It is true that many chronic diseases all the world over arise from eating too much. But it is possible, on the other hand, to eat too little; and we doubt whether many could maintain a healthy existence on the meagre diet of such medical philosophers as the celebrated Cornaro. How long one could contrive to live without eating anything at all is a question which few will be inclined to undertake the practical solution. Unfortunately, it has been solved over and over again in the case of many an accident and many a deed of cruelty.

Without something to eat or drink man will not live beyond a few days, or at most a week. Access to water, however, makes a great difference. There is a well-known case of an Ayrshire miner who lived twenty-three days buried in a coal mine, without swallowing anything but small quantities of a chalybeate water sucked through a straw. He had the advantage of being shut up in a contaminated atmosphere, which, by diminishing nervous sensibility, lessened the cravings of hunger. Even more remarkable examples of prolonged abstinence might be given. Persons, indeed, have been found in coal-pits and mines, and in other situations where there was not a mouthful of food, but where water was to be had, as long as six weeks after seclusion, still alive, though of course in a very feeble state; and a small daily allowance of food has supported life longer even than that, as in some cases of shipwreck and other accidents at sea. Berard quotes the example of a convict who died of starvation after sixty-three days; but in this case water was taken. Cases of alleged fasting longer than this are certainly in most cases due to imposture. The insane appear to bear fasting better than in their sober senses, and in some morbid conditions of the body nourishment may certainly be done without for a surprising length of time.

BLASE AT EIGHT.

A correspondent writing from Long Branch says: "I was much amused at the six o'clock breakfast. A little chap, about eight years of age, climbed into a chair at the table where I was sipping my matutinal coffee, and, with the freedom of childhood, said, as he rubbed his hands, "It is very chilly this morning." I assented, and mildly suggested, "Little folks ought to be in bed yet," when he nearly upset not only my gravity, but my avoirdupois, by saying in a tone that was perfection of young America, "Oh! I was at the hop last night, and couldn't rest. A cup of coffee will make me all right." I bit my moustache to keep back the laugh, when he added, "One sees so much at a watering-place that one gets tired out during the season." I asked him anxiously, "How often have you been here?" and with a yawn, politely hid with his hands, "Five years this season—I am tired of it." My conscience! the baby was absolutely *blase* at eight years old. He got his coffee, and mamma sailed in resplendant in fashionable attire, and left hand fingers invisible above the first joint for diamonds, and said: "Maurice, you had better eat something." "No, thank you, ma, the coffee is enough. I will see the girls," (his sisters, I afterward ascertained), and he marched out jauntily, as if this world had nothing worth seeing, and all enjoyment had, so far as he was concerned, been absorbed like the juice of an orange, and the peel was good for nothing."

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Growing old gracefully,
Gracefully fair.

Far from the storms that are lashing the ocean,
Nearer each day to the pleasant home-light,
Far from the waves that are big with commotion,
Under full sail and the harbor in sight.
Growing old cheerfully,
Cheerful and bright.

Past all the winds that were adverse and chilling,
Past all the islands that lured thee to rest;
Past all the currents that wooed thee unwilling
Far from the port and the land of the blest.
Growing old peacefully,
Peaceful and blest.

Never a feeling of envy or sorrow
When the bright faces of children are seen,
Never a year from their youth would'st thou borrow;
Thou dost remember what lieth between.
Growing old willingly,
Gladly, I ween.

Rich in experience that angels might covet,
Rich in a faith that has grown with thy years,
Rich in a love that grew from and above it,
Soothing thy sorrow and hushing thy fears.
Growing old wealthily,
Loving and dear.

Hearts at the sound of thy coming are lightened;
Ready and willing thy hand to relieve;
Many a face at thy kind word has brightened—
"It is more blessed to give than receive."
Growing old happily,
Blest, we believe.

Eyes that grow dim to the earth and its glory
See but the brighter, the heavenly glow;
Ears that are dull to the world and its story,
Drink in the songs that from Paradise flow;
All this sweet recompense
Youth cannot know.

Forward, yet softly the years have swept by thee,
Touching thee lightly with tenderest care;
Sorrow and death they did often bring nigh thee,
Yet they have left thee but beauty to wear.
Growing old gracefully,
Graceful and fair.

ON THE BRINK.

I have known Arthur Gravely well and intimately. A part of his story came to my knowledge through my own observation, and a part he told me himself.

Arthur came of an old, well-defined, and respectable stock, with just enough of aristocratic pride inherited from his progenitors to give him refinement and self-reliance. At an early age he was left an orphan, and received most of his education under the care of an uncle.

When he was one and twenty he was admitted to the employ of a banker named Vanderlain, and very soon after took a position of trust and responsibility in the house. A year later he took for his wife Fanny Summerton—one of the fairest and sweetest of earthly treasures. He had loved her long and truly, and her love in return had been single and devoted.

Thus was life opening for Arthur Gravely with bright and happy promises. He had friends whichever way he turned; his business prospects were of the very best; and his home was an earthly paradise.

One enemy and one enemy alone, at this time stood in Arthur's path. His wife did not see it then. She loved him fondly and so trustingly that she could not see a fault.

A few of Arthur's friends feared danger, and one of them, more bold than the rest, spoke to him warningly, but kindly; but he turned away from the warning with a sneer of derision.

The months and years went on—from twenty-two to twenty-eight. Six years of married life—six years of blessings so far as the outer things of life can give blessings. In the bank Arthur had assumed a place very near to the head, and his salary was munificent.

From early youth Arthur Gravely had found the wine cup among the symbols of life's social phase. He had kept wine in his own house; he had used it upon his sideboard and he had partaken freely abroad. In the earlier years it was wine, and only wine of the best and purest. Later, strong liquors were required to keep the tone. At the age of eight and twenty there had come an undue flush upon Arthur's cheeks, and there were blotches which ought not to have been there. He now took brandy before breakfast, and through the day he was forced to supply fuel to feed a fire which else might have consumed all bodily comfort. As yet he had never been helplessly intoxicated. He was confident in his own strength.

Alas! for the man thus fading. He knows that his powers for understanding are dying out as the body fades and then perishes.

At length Mr. Vanderlain called Arthur into his private office and told him he was going to suspend business.

"I have money enough," said Mr. Vanderlain, "and I know that my close application to business is wearing upon me. I am growing in years and need rest. I think of going to Europe."

"And of closing up your business?"

"Yes."

"But, sir, there is no need of that. If you will trust your business under the guidance of some capable and responsible agent, with your name at the head, it might go prosperously on, and you could go away upon your trip at will."

A cloud came over the banker's face, and he shook his head.

"It is too late," he said. "And some time I may tell you more."

Shortly after this, in process of closing up his business, Mr. Vanderlain sent Arthur to a distant city to make some important settlements. Arriving at his destination, the young man called upon the correspondents, and having made preliminary arrangements, he found himself with a few days upon his hands which he might enjoy in pleasure. On the very evening of his arrival he had fallen in with John Hatton and William Roberts, two friends and classmates of earlier years. He was startled when he saw them. They were evidently going down hill; drinking to excess. Yet they were gentlemen and Arthur joined them. He spent a first and second night in their company. On the second night, for the first time in his life, Arthur Gravely drank to a state of hopeless stupefaction. He awoke on the next day feeling sad and humiliated. When he met his companions in a private parlor connected with their sleeping apartments, he found them with a bowl of hot brandy between them. A spirit of true friendship came upon him, when he saw the marks of the destroyer so deeply fixed upon the companions of his boyhood.

"Boys," said he, "this won't do. You are going down."

They regarded him curiously, and asked him what he meant.

He told them what he meant. They were in a dangerous way.

"You forget, old boy," said Hatton, "that you are in the same boat. If we took passage before you, it is no less sure that our route now is the same. Don't preach, Arthur. Try a bit of hot brandy."

There are moments in a life-time—great crises—when the events of the past flash before the mind as upon a magic mirror—when a man, in a brief instant, recalls every salient point in his early career. Such a moment was the present to Arthur Gravely.

"Let it alone," he said, solemnly, "I tell you, Jack, and you, Will, that you are going down. You cannot last much longer at this rate."

"Well," retorted Roberts, with an attempt to laugh, "it appears to me that what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. Hadn't you better try to let it alone yourself?"

"If I will try, will you try it?" asked Arthur.

"Will you try it?" demanded Hatton.

"I will if you will join me."

"Done."

And they did it. They joined hands and promised one another that they would be true and steadfast.

A new surprise was in store for Arthur Gravely. He found upon cutting off his spirituous liquors that his body weakened and that his hand shook as though with palsy. He applied to a physician for help.

Fortunately he applied to a man of sense and understanding.

"Can you give me something to steady my nerves and restore my appetite?" Arthur asked after he had frankly stated his case.

"This shows you, my dear sir," said the physician, "into what a dangerous state you have fallen. I can give you something to steady your nerves, but it would not help you in the end. If you will be brave and true you will come out all right in a few days."

Arthur said he should not go back,
He wanted no stimulant—no more of that.

The trial was a severe one, and it may have been a blessed thing for Arthur Gravely that it was so. He felt more heroism in the conquest, and he also saw more clearly how deep the evil habit had become fixed upon him.

On the morning of the fourth day he awoke with an appetite for food, and was able to eat a hearty breakfast. He was a new man from that time forth. The physician had given him certain hygienic directions which he followed implicitly, and thus he held fast upon his health as it came back to him.

And on the fourth day Arthur saw Hatton and Roberts. They had kept the faith, and had unexpectedly prospered. An excellent opening in business had been presented and accepted.

On the fifth day the business which had brought Gravely from his home was concluded, and he set out on his return. And the last struggle had passed. His nerves had become steady, his appetite had started up as if by magic, his cheeks had grown fair, and the white of his eye was growing clear and pearly again.

He reached his own city in the morning, and went first to the bank and gave in a return of his business. Mr. Vanderlain had glanced quickly and eagerly into his face when he first entered, and a wondrous change came upon the banker's manners as the business proceeded. Something outside the business in hand was evidently on his mind.

Arthur did not reach his home until time for dinner, but he had sent a boy from the bank with word that he should be there.

"Fanny!"

"Darling! O, I am so glad to see you back!"

Something had made his wife even happier than she thought as she rested within her husband's embrace. But in the sudden joy she could only feel the great warmth, like the flow of heaven, as Arthur's kiss came, sweet and pure to her lips.

As they entered the dining-room Arthur saw the decanter of wine near his plate.

"Take it away, Fanny," he said, smiling; "If you want it hereafter for a medicine, keep it. For myself, I shall not want it."

"Not want it, Arthur?"

"I have done with it forever."

He spoke solemnly with a manliness that was strong and reliant.

And the wife saw whence had come the great warmth to her heart—saw it in the pure cheek and in the clear eye, as she had caught the sweet breath.

"Arthur, my husband," she whispered, as though hardly daring to trust her own senses, "is it true? Do you mean that forever?"

"While I live, darling, God giving me strength and reason."

Fanny was upon the opposite side of the table. She tried to speak, but her voice failed her. She turned white, then she pressed her hand an instant upon her heart, and then, as the crimson blood once more bounded on its course, she covered her face and sank down, weeping like a child.

Arthur was by her side in a moment.

"Fanny, my wife, what is it?"

She looked up and caught his startled gaze through her tears. With a quick movement she threw her arms around his neck and pillowed her head on his bosom.

"Oh, Arthur! bless you! bless you! I could die for joy, if I did not feel that I could find more happiness in living now for you."

Here was a new revelation. Arthur Gravely now learned how his sweet wife had suffered without daring to complain—how the worm gnawed at her heart—saw it all the more clearly because he saw in this present time her surpassing joy and ecstasy.

Not many words were spoken. This was not the time for such a heart-moving theme. And now as they are at the meal, Arthur told of his trip to the distant city.

After dinner, Arthur went out to carry a budget to a neighbor, and when left alone, Fanny sat down and cried for joy. And so Mr. Vanderlain found her. He had stopped in passing to do an errand.

"Mrs. Gravely, what has happened? What is wrong?"

"Wrong!" she repeated, looking up. "Oh, sir! it is for joy I am crying."

And then she told the source of the new happiness that had been opened to her.

Mr. Vanderlain listened, and after a deal of thought, he slowly said, with his hand upon Fanny's fair head:

"Dear child, you may rejoice without fear. If Arthur has pledged his honor to this new life, you may be sure he will keep the faith."

Most of the afternoon Arthur spent at the bank; and, as he sat at the table in the private office writing for the banker, a feeling of sadness and regret came upon him. It would be a long time before he could find another so pleasant.

It was towards evening when Mr. Vanderlain came in, looking flushed and self-satisfied.

"I have kept you waiting, Arthur, but I have been busy. I have made a most important change in my programme."

"Ah! And then you are not going away?"

"Yes, I shall go to Europe, but I shall not give up my banking business. I have found a new man—one safe, reliable, and competent—who, I think, will take my business while I am absent."

"Mr. Vanderlain," said the young man, frankly, "I am glad of this, for I know I shall be able to persuade you to let me keep my place in your employ."

The banker shook his head.

Arthur trembled, and started to speak.

"Tut, tut—not your present place, Arthur. Know that you are my new man; if you will take charge of my business, I shall not let it go from me, and I shall leave it in your hands, knowing that both it and you will prosper."

"Mr. Vanderlain!"

"Ah, my boy, I have seen your wife. I found her crying for joy. And when she told me whence her joy came, I knew there was joy also. To the new man I give my entire confidence, and in his hands I fear not to trust my name and my honor."

It was Arthur Gravely's turn now to weep; and he could no more have helped it than he could have prevented the great flood of peace and blessedness that flowed in upon his heart.

"My dear boy," said the banker, afterwards, "I did not speak to you in other times as perhaps I ought. I knew how you treated others who did speak, and I forebore. I had intended to speak, however, before I went away, and, if possible, to get you a good place. But it is all done now. God bless and keep you."

And now, looking back, Arthur Gravely sees how near upon the fearful brink he stood. From his position of wealth, and honor, and love, he can see the dark pit from which he escaped, and he sees hundreds sinking in it yearly. He helps the falling ones when he can, and finds unfailing satisfaction in the work.

SHOWING OFF THE BABY.

It is an odd fact, no baby ever did, and no baby ever will, behave in company. The mother always brings it into the parlor where the visitor is, dressed in its clean dress, and its father and its aunt come in smiling at the same time. After the visitor has kissed the baby and taken it on her lap, and declared it is the dearest little thing she ever saw, the baby's mother and she begin to talk. Each talks about her own baby as fast as she can rattle, and both talk at once, apparently without caring what the other is saying. In the midst of the conversation the baby "throws up" on the visitor's dress, and is suddenly handed to its mother.

The visitor smiles a sickly smile and says it makes no difference, but she is mad. The conversation is resumed, but presently the father winks furiously at the mother and frowns, and clears his throat and makes mysterious signals at the side of the chair with his hand. The mother looks down and perceives that some of the undergarments are slipping off, and she snatches up the infant and flies from the room. When she returns the child cries to go to its father, and no sooner is it settled on his knee than it betrays an irresistible yearning to go to its aunt, after which it cries furiously because its mother won't take it.

Then the aunt gets a piece of candy to quiet it, and when its hands have acquired sufficient stickiness, it reaches over and mauls the visitor's bonnet. Then its mother tries to show off its accomplishments, but it utterly refuses to make a display; it is as stupid as an owl. It won't say "mamma" or "papa," and it won't show how big it is. Its father tries to coax it to say "papa," but it pays no attention to him. He tries again and again, getting madder all the time and dreadfully afraid the visitor will think the child is dull.

At last he grabs the child by the arm and shakes it, and yells, "why don't you say papa as I tell you?" Then the child screams like a backyard full of cats. The more the mother soothes it the louder it gets, until at last the father exclaims: "Gi' me that brat!" and picks it up and dashes out of the room, and is heard spanking it in the entry. Then the visitor goes home looking at her dress and deciding that the end of that infant will be the gallows, if its characteristics are allowed to develop fully as it grows up.

THOROUGH DUSTING.—In buying articles of furniture it is as well to choose those which can be easily kept in order. The intricate carvings and artistic designs which please us when a sofa or chair is new will become traps for dust unless they are always carefully wiped off every day. In dusting it is well to have at hand a feather brush and a clean cloth. Old silk handkerchiefs answer the purpose very well. Soft Turkish crash is very good and satisfactory. The neat matron will see that all dusting cloths are washed every week, and she should also shake them thoroughly after each time of using. It is a good plan occasionally to wash varnished surfaces with warm water. Cleanliness is a really attractive feature in a house, and a very plain home which is thoroughly nice and spotless in its appointments is more inviting than a costly one which is ill kept.

Says the *Golden Rule*:—There is one thing that too few women learn to make, in their education in wifehood—and that is allowances. When the honeymoon gets a few years old, and cares multiply upon the husband and his mind becomes absorbed, and his brows become knitted—when the gray hairs begin to come ten years too early, and he is sobered before his time by the dreadful pace at which business drives a man in these times—the wife should make due allowance for the change in her expectations and exactions. It is her duty—it should be esteemed her blessed privilege—to help him leave his work and worry behind him when he enters his door, and make his home a place of peace and rest—of comfort and delight—not a symbol merely, but a foretaste of heaven.

Everybody thought it was a match, and so did he, and so did she, but last evening, at a croquet party, she hit her pet corn a whack with the mallet that sounded like a torpedo, and he—laughed. "We meet as strangers," she wrote on her cuff ane showed it to him. "Think of me as no more," he whispered, huskily.

"I never can enjoy poetry when I am cookin'," said an old lady; "but when I step out to feed the hogs, and h'ist myself on the fence, and throw my soul into a few links of 'Cap'n Jinks,' it does seem as if the airth was made to live on after all."

An exchange remarks: "The only jokes women like to read are those which reflect ridicule on men." "Yes," adds another exchange, "on taking up a paper a woman invariably turns to the marriage column."

"When the Grass Shall Cover Me."

When the grass shall cover me,
Head to foot, where I am lying;
When not any wind that blows,
Summer blooms nor winter snows,
Shall wake me to your sighing;
Close above me as you pass,
You will say, "How kind she was,"
You will say, "How true she was,"
When the grass grows over me.

When the grass shall cover me,
Holden close to Earth's warm bosom;
While I laugh, or weep, or sing
Nevermore for anything;
You will find in blade and blossom,
Sweet, small voices, odorous,
Tender pleaders in my cause,
That shall speak me as I was—
When the grass grows over me.

When the grass shall cover me!
Ah, beloved, in my sorrow
Very patient I can wait—
Knowing that soon or late,
There will dawn a clearer morrow;
When your heart will moan, "Alas!
Now I know how true she was;
Now I know how dear she was,"—
When the grass grows over me!

OUR BOSTON LETTER.

A Little Talk About Carpets and Carpeting.

BOSTON, Nov. 8, 1877.

Who is there who does not remember "company days" in the country? when blinds were opened and curtains drawn from the windows of "the best room," when cheerful fires burned in the burnished Franklin grate, or the highly polished air tight; when the hidden glories are revealed, which are shut in by the four walls of that sacred apartment. Can't you recollect the feeling of awe which crept over you as you entered it, a feeling which was first aroused as you were being inducted by the maternal hand into the best crimson merino dress, and white apron with its edge of cambric edging? You realized the importance of the occasion and you felt that your toilette did honor to it.

In those days the carpet was the important object in the room. It was the centre of attraction to the visitors, and the fetish of the housekeeper. She did reverence to it unceasingly. How carefully she excluded every ray of light, lest by chance the sun, audacious robber that he was, should steal one bit of color from it! How solemnly she strewed newspapers over its sacred surface, lest some idle foot should step thoughtlessly upon it; and how sadly she sighed when etiquette demanded that for the sake of the respect which she owed to "company," she should take up the coverings and give the sun a chance for a few hours, on some festival occasion! Oh, that carpet! vivid in coloring, standing out a mass of red and green and yellow, throwing every thing else into shade: covered with sprawling figures that meant nothing in the world, and that certainly never suggested harmony of proportion and color! It was gorgeous, but that was the most that could be said of it; but that was a recommendation then. Thank goodness it isn't now! Tastes have changed, for the better, too, and as people arrive at a higher degree of culture, it will show in their housefurnishing and their dress, quite as much as in their manners and their conversation.

All this is apropos of an invitation I received to a carpet exhibition at Jordan & Marsh's rooms. They had succeeded in obtaining a few pieces of old fashioned carpetings, which they placed beside the carpets of the present, and invited a few friends to see the contrast. I wonder if the sight of these old carpets would have affected you as they did me! They brought to mind Thanksgivings and Christmases long past. I could smell the good things cooking and I felt like dancing about with all the hungry impatience of a child, whose mouth was watering for the goodies in preparation. I had a little of the old awful feeling left, and I involuntarily looked down to see if my bronze boots shone properly, if the ruffle of my dress showed underneath my white apron, and if stockings and apron alike remained spotless. I had forgotten that I was no longer the romping little girl, whose clothes were always getting her into difficulty and disgrace, and was somewhat startled at being brought back to the stern fact that I was a rather stout, very grown up person in a pull back. I regretted for a moment that I had come to see the carpets. But the modern carpets! Sunshine is the fashion: colors are used now-a-days which do not fade when exposed to the ardor of the sun's rays. Soft, dark subdued shades are used, in olives and bronzes, browns and greys, with small figures in *fade* blue, green and the dull Egyptian red; if yellow is used it is in one of the tarnished shades. These are the carpets themselves; the brightness is all found in the borders.

The province of the carpet in house-furnishing is defined at last. It is not a portion of the furniture: it is, like the walls of the room, the medium for showing the furniture upon. It is like the background to a picture, an important accessory, without which the picture would be meaningless, unfinished, but not the picture itself. Many persons in furnishing a house fall into the old mistake of considering the carpet as furniture, and they buy whatever strikes the fancy, regardless of what is to go on it, just as some thoughtless women buy a bonnet because they like it, without reference to what shall be worn with it. In house furnishing or dress it is never wise to purchase anything independently of the rest of your furniture or wardrobe. I wish I could make women understand the importance of fitting things together; there would be more artistic and harmonious houses.

In these days, it is by no means a difficult matter to select a carpet that shall be just what you want, for there is such a variety to choose from. All houses have private patterns of their own; I was shown fifty of these the day I visited the old carpets. There wasn't one that any lady might not select for beauty of design or coloring. The tendency is for small Persian or Indian figures; these have been brought in by the introduction of the Persian and Indian rugs which are so fashionable. With nice carpets borders are used always; they give just the finish that is required. I think the oddest and most artistic carpet I ever saw, had a ground of Nile green on which were lotus leaves and small Egyptian beetles; the border was a row of Sphinx's heads on a ground color of Egyptian red. Can you fancy the oddity of it? This came to a private order and there is but the one carpet in the country. A very convenient and pretty fashion gives parlor, hall and stair carpets in the same color and design, the difference being only in the size of the figure, that for the parlor being nearly double the size of that for the hall. There is a harmony in this mode of carpeting that is exceedingly agreeable.

In selecting a carpet or carpets for a house, not only should the furnishing of a room be considered, but the situation of a room; its light, and the amount of sunshine in it. The lighter and sunnier a room is, the cooler and more subdued should its coloring be; the darker the room, the warmer and brighter should be the decorations. Think for a moment what the effect would be of a carpet in which there was a great deal of red, in a room which had a southerly exposure, and was flooded with sunshine! It would be disagreeable in the extreme. The northerly light is the cold light. If your room faces that way select something which is suggestive of warmth. You've no idea how much it will add to your comfort. I remember once a room which I was forced to occupy, which had a northeasterly outlook. It was the blackest corner in the house, and might have been made excessively disagreeable, but for the quick artistic sense of the mistress of the house, who had carpeted the room with a pretty scarlet and gray Brussels carpet; the walls were gray with scarlet borders, and the trimmings and toilet articles were in the same colors. The effect was marvelous; the room looked bright on the gravest day. Had the room been sunny in itself, with all this color in it, I should have been suffocated from mere suggestiveness of warmth. Blue, green, soft grays and white are pretty for south rooms; only let your white have a pearl tint, or a cream even, for a clear uncompromising white is as bad as excess of color. Coolness is the effect sought after in these rooms, as naturally as warmth in the northerly ones.

For the comfort of housekeepers who have more taste than means, I am glad to be able to say that they can get all the prettiest Brussels carpet patterns reproduced exactly in Tapestry and Ingrains, and at the present cost of carpets they can make their room very pretty at a moderate outlay. Very nice Brussels carpets can be bought from $1.50 to $2 the yard, Tapestries from 85 cts. to $1.25, and Ingrains from 37 cts. to $1. These include all the nicest goods in the nicest patterns.

I hope I have given you some useful hints, for now-a-days the furnishing of a house comprehends something beside getting together the necessary articles. It means selecting each with reference to the other, so that when completed the rooms will be artistic, and well furnished even if but little money has been expended. Commence with good carpets, consult the color you have selected for your furniture, and get what shall harmonize with it; remember the way the windows look and the light you will have, and allow that to influence your choice; recollect that staring unmeaning figures and gay colors are bad style, and that the subdued quiet colors show your cultured taste.

Another time I will tell you something about the decorations, draperies and furnishing.

SALLIE JOY WHITE.

Every one knows about Vichy's water, but every one doesn't know about Vichy. It is a large, flourishing place at the extreme southern part of the Department of Allier, France, and stands on the south bank of the river Allier, a tributary of the Loire. The town is very well built, and was immensely improved in the reign of Napoleon III. Most of the baths are the property of the State, and everything has been done to make the "perfect cure" as pleasant as possible. In 1876, 3,408,000 bottles of Vichy water were exported from the town.

A young urchin went into a hat store, one day last week, and told the clerk that he wanted a cap, at the same time putting two cents on the counter. He was informed that the cheapest cap in the store would cost him twenty-five cents. "What," said the youngster, "them's big enough for a cannon. I only want one for a pistol."

A shipwrecked Irish sailor was narrating how he and his companions had floated about at sea for twenty days in an open boat. "And what did you do for food, Pat, when the provisions gave out?" asked a bystander. "Shure, and we dined on one of the officers. 'Twas the *first mate* we'd had in a fortnight," was the reply.

"Two and two never make more than four," said a public speaker. "Yes, they do," cried a boy in the audience. "Perhaps our young friend will kindly tell us when two and two make more than four," blandly said the speaker; whereupon the boy cried, "When they're side by side, you stupid; don't they make 22, don't they?"

A Kentucky man who went to the Black Hills wrote back to a local paper saying: "Offer a premium at your coming fair for the biggest fool in the country, and I'll try and get there in time, and feel confident I'll make way with it."

Scene, yard in rear of house: Maternal voice from third story to young America playing below—"Thomas, come in this minute." Momentary pause. "Thomas, come in; I shan't speak again." Y. A.—"Well, I wish you wouldn't!"

Charles Kingsley said a downright good thing the other day; listen: "Of all good things that can befall a man in this world, the best is that he should fall in love with a good woman."

A somewhat simple woman was asked whether her husband feared God, and replied: "I guess he does, for he never goes out on Sundays without taking his gun with him."

An ignorant oil merchant, on being asked how large an advertisement he wanted in a certain newspaper, replied that they might "put in about three pints of type."

Real estate business is not so profitable just now. The tenant is waiting for the landlord to lower the rent, while the landlord is waiting for the tenant to raise it.

The "hookey" days have come again, the saddest in the year, when the small boy steals away from school and "walks off on his ear."

Men may judge by the success of our efforts, but God looks at the efforts themselves.

Common sense is very noticeable only when it is eclipsed by uncommon sense.

The felicities of mankind are strengthened by the counsels of the good.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1877.

It is reported that Dan. Voorhees is to be appointed to the vacancy in the U. S. Senate caused by Senator Morton's death.

Senator Morton's remains were viewed by at least fifty thousand people in the Court House at Indianapolis Sunday, and the funeral services on Monday were very impressive.

There was an earthquake about 2 o'clock Sunday morning, which was very perceptibly felt in many places in New England, New York, and Canada. In some places door-bells were rung, crockery shaken to the floor and broken, and the furniture perceptibly jolted.

A Lady graduate of Michigan University has been appointed physician to the Women's Prison at South Framingham, and has applied for membership in the Massachusetts Medical Society, which will thus be under the necessity of deciding whether it will recognize women practitioners. We trust the Society will not be so stupid as to refuse the application on account of sex.

Elections were held in several States on Tuesday. New York elected the Democratic State ticket, but the Senate and Assembly are Republican. Connecticut elected senators, representatives and sheriffs, and the Republicans made some gains. Gen. McClellan was elected Governor of New Jersey by the Democrats, and the latter carried Pennsylvania. Wisconsin and Minnesota were carried by the Republicans.

The Russians are making a vigorous fall campaign, and have occupied Erzeroum in Armenia, after completely routing the Turkish army opposed to them. This virtually gives them the entire control of Armenia. Plevna, in Bulgaria, is closely invested, and the Russians hope to bag Osman Pasha and his entire army. They have cut off all his lines of retreat, and a successful sortie is all that can save him apparently.

Gov. Rice follows the President in appointing Thanksgiving day the 29th inst. Now that the President has taken this business out of their hands, it seems a little superfluous for the Governors to issue their proclamations; but then the President don't send his proclamation to every clergyman in his domain, to be read from the pulpit, while the Governors do, and if it were not for the opportunity of carefully scanning their wording, we might not be able to learn whether our Governors were evangelical or not in their belief.

Congress has now been in session four weeks, but has not yet found time to appropriate money for the army, who have had no pay for months; but the Democratic House has found time to rush through by a big majority a bill restoring the silver dollar and making it a legal tender for all debts, public and private, except where otherwise provided for by contract. In other words, a man who borrows $1,000 in greenbacks to-day, could, if this bill should become a law in the meantime, compel his creditor two months hence to take in full payment a thousand silver dollars, worth only about $960. This is a fair example of Democratic statesmanship and honesty.

A Congregational Council at Indian Orchard, called to install Rev. James F. Merriam as pastor of the Congregational church on Wednesday, after a protracted examination of the candidate refused, 6 to 8, to install him, because of his frank statement that he disbelieved in the doctrine of eternal punishment. The closeness of the vote indicates that some of the members of the council are not "orthodox" on this question themselves, and, as Mr. Merriam was formerly pastor of a leading Congregational church in Connecticut, where no taint of heresy was discovered in him, their action seems more nice than wise. The church stand by Mr. Merriam, and have invited him to remain with them as their pastor.

Letter from New York.

New York, Nov. 7, 1877.

The heirs of Aneke Jans will assemble at Albany on Monday the 12th inst., to hear Surrogate Rogers's decision with regard to the appointment of an administrator to administer on this immense estate, comprising two millions of property in Albany and two hundred millions in New York City. The first meeting before Surrogate Rogers was held in the latter days of September, when about 150 heirs, accompanied by about the same number of lawyers, for three days worried the Surrogate, when he adjourned the case. This case has been before the court at times for 127 years. Recently some new light has developed, and the heirs are confident of a decision in their favor. We presume there are a large number of them residing in your State, who would be glad to get their portion. It really begins to look as though there was hope for the faithful. A decision in favor of the heirs will give good picking for at least 1000 lawyers; $200,000,000 is a big item of interest to the legal fraternity.

Governor Robinson has issued a proclamation appointing Thursday the 29th, as Thanksgiving Day. The proclamation "sentences" to death 500,000 specimens of our poultry crop that have never harmed him to the value of one cent in their lives. If there is any truth in the transmigration of souls, we shall pity Robinson should he ever reach a world where governors are converted into turkeys.

The American Institute in New York is the great attraction just now. The display is the best for forty-six years. Among the articles of interest on exhibition we observed a patent gridiron which you can broil on without smoking, also a glass rolling pin. The latter is a capital thing to pound the head of ugly husbands with—some of those who learn the children all the cuss words, and are cross to their wives. Mrs. Kendall from Palmer, Mass., shows up these goods, and she's just in love with that rolling pin. She also tells the superior qualities of the centennial coffee pot. She is so agreeable that you don't stop to see if she is handsome, but her pleasant manners keep company with a rather prepossessing countenance, which she sees every time she pays her respects to the looking-glass; all of which is the observation of Julian.

THE STATE ELECTION!

GOVERNOR RICE RE-ELECTED BY OVER 17,000 PLURALITY!

A Pretty Solid Republican Victory!

The agony is all over!

Governor Rice is re-elected!

It wasn't a Hayes victory either!

The whole Republican State ticket elected.

Democracy and Gaston a great way short of victory.

The Prohibitionists and Pitman do no damage to speak of.

The Legislature is strongly Republican, the Senate standing 35 Republicans to 5 Democrats. The House 174 Republicans to 66 Democrats.

Tilly Haynes was elected councilor in spite of the Hoosac Tunnel and Lee and New Haven railroad interests which went against him.

It is a matter to rejoice over that N. A. Leonard of Springfield was elected district attorney.

Deacon Chase of Holyoke takes the place of O'Donnell on the board of county commissioners, and there will be no more new bridges ordered across the Connecticut.

Sanderson just squeezed in for high sheriff, and Parks must wait. But then, Sanderson is very much of a gentleman and will fill the position acceptably. Mr. Parks has called for a recount of the votes in Springfield, but the result is not likely to be changed.

Mr. Gardner was elected senator in the Eastern Hampden district by an old-fashioned majority.

Up in Hampshire county everything went satisfactorily. Lewis N. Gilbert was re-elected senator over Robinson by over fifteen hundred majority. Mr. Longley was re-elected sheriff by over 2000 majority and D. W. Bond of Northampton was elected district attorney by over 1300 majority.

It was about the same way all over the State, from Berkshire to Cape Cod, and the Republicans, though defeated in some instances, have nothing to complain of. The efforts made to elect local officers saved the State for Rice and the rest of the Republican State ticket. Everybody ought to be satisfied.

The State Ticket Elected.

[A star indicates re-election.]

Governor—Alexander H. Rice* of Boston.
Lieutenant Governor—Horatio G. Knight* of Easthampton.
Secretary of State—Henry B. Peirce* of Abington.
Treasurer and Receiver-General—Charles Endicott* of Canton.
Auditor—Julius L. Clark* of Newton.
Attorney-General—Charles R. Train* of Boston.

VOTES FOR GOVERNOR.

HAMPDEN COUNTY.

Towns.	Rice.	Gaston.	Pitman.	Phillips.
Agawam,	79	92	4	
Blandford,	74	84	16	
Brimfield,	100	47	3	
Chester,	85	90	7	
Chicopee,	388	365	63	88
Granville,	89	62	2	
Holland,	34	13		
Holyoke,	574	518	69	203
Longmeadow,	86	38	8	
Ludlow,	84	26	17	
Monson,	134	141	79	1
Montgomery,	34	22		
Palmer,	258	182	53	1
Russell,	32	38	4	
Southwick,	93	123	1	1
Springfield,	1,992	1,481	161	145
Tolland,	23	30		
Wales,	55	34	12	10
Westfield,	475	469	66	5
West Springfield,	243	128	8	2
Wilbraham,	145	88	19	1
21 Towns,	5,073	4,071	586	457

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

Towns.	Rice.	Gaston.	Pitman.	Phillips.
Amherst,	283	101	34	2
Belchertown,	217	87	11	
Chesterfield,	54	22	11	
Cummington,	75	13	14	
Easthampton,	256	101	8	41
Enfield,	97	43	4	
Goshen,	42	3		
Granby,	76	7	9	
Greenwich,	54	38	5	
Hadley,	184	20		7
Hatfield,	127	29	8	17
Huntington,	76	59		
Middlefield,	52	11	6	
Northampton,	487	197	63	214
Pelham,	41	17	7	
Plainfield,	53	13	5	
Prescott,	23	17	6	
South Hadley,	205	131	22	1
Southampton,	77	23	26	1
Ware,	218	167	50	7
Westhampton,	51	6	2	
Williamsburg,	80	59	61	57
Worthington,	84	29	2	
23 Towns,	2,912	1,196	354	347

District Attorneys.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

N. A. Leonard of Springfield, rep. lab. and pro.

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT.

D. W. Bond of Northampton, rep. and labor.

Executive Councilors.

Dist.
I. Joseph K. Baker* of Dennis, rep.
II. Harrison Tweed* of Taunton, rep.
III. Francis Childs* of Boston, rep.
IV. William W. Tucker of Boston, rep.
V. Harmon Hall of Saugus, rep.
VI. Joseph A. Harwood* of Littleton, rep.
VII. William Upham of Spencer, rep.
VIII. Tilly Haynes of Sp'f'd, rep. and lab.

Senators.

HAMPDEN COUNTY.

C. L. Gardner of Palmer, rep.
Henry C. Ewing* of Holyoke, dem.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

Lewis N. Gilbert* of Ware, rep.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Henry Winn of Buckland, rep. and dem.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

F. P. Brown of North Adams, rep. and pro.
H. J. Canfield of Stockbridge, dem.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

William Knowlton of Upton, rep.
E. B. Lynde* of West Brookfield, rep.
Charles Adams, Jr.,* of North Brookfield, rep.
C. H. Merriam of Leominster, rep.

VOTES FOR SENATORS.

EASTERN HAMPDEN DISTRICT.

	Gardner.	Smith.	Hallett.
Brimfield,	98	45	3
Holland,	40	8	
Monson,	156	132	68
Palmer,	383	65	43
Springfield,	1,872	1,640	131
Wales,	66	27	11
Wilbraham,	157	80	12
Total,	2,772	1,997	268

Majority for Gardner, 507.

WESTERN HAMPDEN DISTRICT.

Aaron Bagg of West Springfield, rep.,	2,428
Henry C. Ewing of Holyoke, dem.,	2,409
Rev. R. J. Adams of Holyoke, prohib.,	42

Majority for Ewing, 20.

HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT.

Lewis N. Gilbert of Ware, rep.,	3,178
Charles S. Robinson of Ware, dem.,	1,595

Majority for Gilbert, 1,583.

Representatives.

HAMPDEN COUNTY.

1. Pliny F. Spaulding of Brimfield, rep.
2. Timothy D. Potter of Palmer, rep.
3. Jarvis P. Kelly of Chicopee, dem.
4. William Pynchon of Springfield, rep.
   T. D. Beach of Springfield, dem.
5. Leonard Clark* of Springfield, rep.
6. Rawson Rathaway of Springfield, rep. pro. and labor.
7. M. P. Knowlton of Springfield, rep.
8. John H. Wright of Holyoke, dem.
9. E. P. Bartholomew of West Springfield, rep.
10. Joseph G. Noble of Westfield, rep.
    Henry S. Stiles of Montgomery, rep.
11. Edwin Gilbert of Southwick, rep.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

1. Daniel White of Hancock, rep.
2. J. K. Anthony of North Adams, rep.
   C. H. Ingalls of North Adams, dem.
3. S. N. Russell of Pittsfield, rep.
   J. N. Dunham of Pittsfield, dem.
4. John W. Curtice of Hinsdale, rep.
5. Sidney Barnes of Becket, rep.
6. Hiram M. Cook of Lenox, dem.
7. Wm. Bliss of Great Barrington, dem.
8. Henry M. Wilcox of Sandisfield, dem.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

1. J. L. Otis of Northampton, rep.
   Timothy G. Spaulding of Northampton, dem.
2. Joseph Billings of Williamsburg, ind.
3. Matthew Smith of Middlefield, rep.
4. M. W. Barnett of South Hadley, rep.
5. T. R. Green of Belchertown, rep.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

1. David B. Flint of Orange, rep.
2. Ralph A. Field of Leverett, rep.
3. Alanson K. Hawkes of Shelburne Falls, rep.
4. Charles P. Aldrich of South Deerfield, dem.
5. Orson B. Curtis of Colerraine, rep.
6. Nelson Gardner of Ashfield, rep.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

12. A. B. Chamberlain of Sturbridge, rep.
    Geo. C. Lincoln of North Brookfield, dem.
13. Calvin A. Paige of Southbridge, rep.
    James H. Ames of Spencer, rep.

VOTES FOR REPRESENTATIVES.

EASTERN HAMPDEN.

District No. 1.	Spaulding.	Green.	Blair.
Monson,	144	148	61
Brimfield,	109	33	5
Holland,	35	11	
Wales,	71	33	7
Total,	359	225	73

Majority for Spaulding, 61.

District No. 2.	Potter.	Fullerton.	Scat.
Palmer,	242	237	1
Wilbraham,	142	118	1
Ludlow,	83	37	
Total.	457	382	2

Majority for Potter, 73.

5TH HAMPSHIRE.

T. R. Green of Belchertown, rep.,	597
E. R. Bridgman of Belchertown, dem.,	149

Majority for Green, 148.

County Officers.

HAMPDEN COUNTY.

Sheriff, Hiram Q. Sanderson, of Springfield, dem.; county commissioner, Edwin Chase, of Holyoke, rep.; special commissioners, Ira G. Potter, of Monson, rep., Samuel A. Bartholomew, of Blandford, rep.; commissioners of insolvency, W. B. Rogers, of Springfield, rep., F. D. Lincoln, of Brimfield, rep., J. R. Dunbar, of Westfield, rep.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

Sheriff, Henry A. Longley,* of Northampton, rep.; county commissioner, Elnathan Graves,* of Williamsburg, rep.; special commissioners, S. L. Parsons,* of Northampton, rep., C. E. Blood,* of Ware, rep.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Sheriff, George A. Kimball, of Greenfield, rep.; county commissioner, Carlos Batchelder,* of Conway, rep.; special commissioners, Beriah W. Fay,* of New Salem, rep., David L. Smith,* of Coleraine, rep.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

Sheriff, Graham A. Root,* of Pittsfield, rep.; county commissioner, Henry J. Bliss,* of South Adams, rep.; special commissioners, James W. Waterman, of Williamstown, rep., H. M. Pierson, of Pittsfield, rep.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

The schooner Kosciusko, from Camden, Me., for New York, with a cargo of lime, is sunk off Norwalk, Conn.

A new powder mill, belonging to the American Powder Company, of Acton, exploded Saturday morning, killing one man.

Thomas Ashton, of Seekonk, was instantly killed on Sunday, by the accidental discharge of his gun as he was climbing over a wall.

David Smith, of Castleton, Ont., an abortionist, was sentenced Monday to be hanged on the 19th of December, for the murder of a Miss Wade.

A scaffolding fell at Warren, Pa., on Saturday, while men were at work on a new Catholic church. One was killed and five severely injured.

A Baltimore boy raised his arm to strike his mother, when his brother struck the unfilial youth on the head with a stick, causing his death soon after.

The steamer C. H. Northam, from New Haven for New York, became disabled off Eaton's Neck, Sunday morning, and was towed to New York.

Danvers has lost one of its leading citizens by burglary. His name is William H. Porter. He is an elder in a church, and he pleads guilty to a series of robberies.

The storm on Lake Michigan on Monday was the heaviest and most disastrous in many years. At least fifty vessels went into port at Chicago, completely dismantled.

Michael Cavanagh, a New York printer, quarreled with his mistress, Bridget Cruse, Saturday evening, and left the house, whereupon she followed him and stabbed him with a butcher knife, causing his death in a short time.

Owen Wright, colored, who assaulted a white married lady a month ago near Crawford, Ala., was taken from jail last Friday by a party of about one hundred citizens, who carried him to the woods, and burned him alive.

A woman residing in Mechanicsville, N. Y., stole out of the house while her husband was sleeping, a night or two since, and threw herself and four children into the river. Two of the children were drowned, but the mother and the other two children were rescued.

Mrs. William Van Vorhees, a young married woman of Wilton, Ill., who had been deserted by her husband, set fire to her house last Thursday night, and when the neighbors arrived, she was found with her three children dead, and partially burned, in the bedroom, appearances indicating that she had poisoned herself and children before firing the house.

A singular conspiracy has come to light in Boston; Miss Addie E. Ward, a school teacher, and four male accomplices being arrested on the charge of a conspiracy to extort money from Dr. H. F. Damon. It is alleged that Miss Ward wrote Dr. Damon, accusing him of seduction, malpractice, etc., and threatened to prosecute him, while the others worked upon his feelings and induced him to leave the city, pursuing him over the country for three months with imaginary detectives, and offers to settle the matter.

Galena, Ill., is exceedingly pompous because it has sent from its limits one President, one Secretary of State, one Secretary of War, four members of Congress, several Governors of States, two Foreign Ministers, and many Generals.

Texas bids fair to be the greatest among the grain-growing States, the yield to the acre in wheat being much larger than in California, which is regarded as the finest wheat-growing country in the world.

On all the rivers in Maine a larger logging business will be done this season than for many years. On the Penobscot and Kennebec twice as many men will enter the woods as last year.

Mrs. Lucinda S. Parker, of North Reading, has just celebrated her 102d birthday. During the past few months she has used no glasses.

LOCAL BUSINESS NOTICES.

Hitchcock, the shoemaker, has a new lot of neats foot oil.

See the club terms of the Journal for 1878, on our fourth page.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Bloodgood's minstrels had a big house Wednesday evening.

The railings along the highways in town need considerable repairing at some points.

Rev. Charles T. Johnson, of Thorndike, is one of the speakers at the Trinity Church M. E. S. S. Institute at Springfield, on the 14th inst.

A special town meeting is called for Monday, the 19th, to hear the report of the committee on the poor farm, and to take action thereon.

Saturn and Mars "conjuncted" according to programme last Saturday evening, and the star-gazers were out in full force witnessing the exhibition.

Clark & Hastings, of Thorndike, rise to remark that they killed a western heifer the other day, which weighed 911 pounds when dressed. Next!

J. P. Murphy, late of the Monson clothing firm of Willis & Murphy, has opened oyster and refreshment rooms in Cunningham's block on South Main street.

Rising Star T. O. H. has chosen John Helliwell, W. C. T., Willard Kenerson W. V. T., John Glover W. R., and Rev. C. H. Eaton W. Chap., for the next six months.

A high wind last week Friday afternoon blew down six high chimneys on the Tockwotton House, and lifted the roof of the ell, setting it back again. Damage over $500.

In consequence of the absence of Rev. Mr. Fullerton, there will be no service at the Congregational church Sabbath morning. Sabbath School and prayer meeting as usual.

Dame Nature produces some queer looking things occasionally, and an artichoke shown us by A. E. Barnes, of Monson, is one of this class, it having some twenty branches on a body about seven inches long.

The near approach of 1878, is heralded as usual by the familiar face of the "Old Farmers' Almanac," now in its eighty-seventh year. William Ware & Co., of Boston, have succeeded Brewer & Tileston as its publishers.

W. H. Clark, the jeweler who removed from this village to Hurricane Shoals, S. C., where he became postmaster, has resigned that office and removed to Greenville, in the same State, in search of a more lucrative business.

The "Charlton" and "James Parker" locomotives on the Boston & Albany road, were crippled on Monday; the former by the bursting of a flue on the Charlton grade, and the latter by the breaking of a crosshead near Worcester.

That narrowed-up walk on the bridge over the railroad is only designed for pleasant days, for those ornamental posts with which it is graced make it impossible to carry an open umbrella past them in a perpendicular position.

The Lyceum has its monthly "literary meeting" next Thursday evening at Union Hall. A good programme is being prepared, and it is hoped that there will be as good attendance as was called out by the same meetings last winter.

The pleasant-faced little lad at the post office, David Frasier, who usually distributed newspapers about the street, suddenly fell a victim to diphtheria, the first of the week. One or two other deaths from the same disease have recently occurred in this vicinity, and several other children are sick with it.

The Young People's Society are to hold an industrial fair at the vestry of the Congregational church next Friday evening, with charades, music, etc. Their sociable at Fred. H. Munger's Wednesday evening was the first of their winter series; the second meets with Miss Lizzie G. Blanchard on the 21st.

"The Wilkinsons" have engaged Wales Hall for next Wednesday evening, when they will play "Uncle Tom's Cabin" for the two hundred and thirty-second time. It is a good company, charging only reasonable prices, and giving its patrons a pleasant and refined entertainment, and they are drawing good houses all along their route.

A seasonable hint. Out West they have "mum societies," to which ten cents admission is charged, and when a man is once inside, he is besieged by the fair sex, who do their prettiest to make him speak. If he forgets himself and yields to the pressure, he is fined fifteen cents, but receives a ticket for refreshments, and can then talk.

Some of the real estate conveyances recorded by the register of deeds since Nov. 1st, are: Elijah Shaw to E. M. & O. C. Switzer, land in Wales, $140; P. P. Potter, of Wilbraham, to W. H. Russell, Jr., of Springfield, farm in Palmer, $1,200; Martha Bliss to Hiram Bliss, farm in Monson, $1,000; Cyrus Truesdell to Hiram Bliss, land in Monson, $448.

Thomas Lodge of Freemasons has made choice of the following officers for the ensuing year: W. M., J. B. Shaw; S. W., F. G. Sedgwick; J. W., Charles McFarland; treasurer, A. H. Willis; secretary, C. W. Cross; S. D., A. Pinney; J. D., J. J. Hallowell; marshal, H. H. Paine; chaplain, George Robinson; S. S., E. C. Sexton; J. S., F. A. Packard; tyler, S. W. Shumway.

The Free Masons of this district, comprising ten lodges, held a convention on Thursday with Thomas Lodge in this place, for the exemplification of Masonic work, under the direction of lecturer Avery, of Chelsea. D. D. G. M. Litchfield presided, and about 125 brethren were present. Dinner was served at the Nassowanno House, and was not the least of the enjoyments of the day.

About forty of the friends of Senator-elect Gardner met him at the Antique House on Wednesday evening, where they enjoyed a pleasant evening, and one of landlord Weeks' excellent "spreads." Congratulations were earnest and warm, and Mr. Gardner welcomed his guests with one of his inimitable speeches, which was responded to by quite a number of the company. The gathering was attended by the two candidates for Representative, Rev. Mr. Fullerton and T. D. Potter, and all present had a genial and jovial time.

A rich musical treat is in store for Tuesday evening, 20th inst., when Amos Whiting's select chorus, of Springfield, will give a concert in Wales Hall. This chorus numbers thirty trained voices, comprising some of the best musical talent of Springfield, and will be assisted by Mr. Henry F. Trask, the well-known tenor, and Miss Ida Webster, an accomplished pianist. The members of this chorus have been associated together in constant practice for several years, and have consequently attained rare skill and proficiency, and have met with the warmest commendation in the many places where they have given concerts.

At a session of the Probate Court in Springfield, on Wednesday, administration was granted on the estate of Gilbert K. Stacy, of Wilbraham, Charles E. Stacy, administrator, and the will of Betsey O. Thompson, of Monson, was proved, Emory D. Spellman, executor. Inventories were filed on the estates of Lyman Shaw, of Monson, real, $5,000, personal, $3,439; Ezra H. Beebe, of Monson, real, $1,200, personal, $3,543; Betsey O. Thompson, of Monson, personal, $911. Accounts were rendered on the estates of George W. Upham, of Brimfield, and Alice J. Hall, of Monson. Leave was granted to sell the real estate of Asenath Jenks, of Ludlow.

There was a good turn-out in Palmer on election day, but everything passed off as quietly as a Sunday school. On State matters there was little interest, but while voters were there to help local candidates, they concluded they might as well vote the whole ticket, and they put in a total of 494 ballots for Governor. Mr. Gardner, for Senator, made a good home run, taking a large number of democratic votes to swell his victory. T. D. Potter, the republican candidate for Representative, did well, considering the strong candidate run in opposition by the democrats and independents. The prohibitionists, finding he would not pledge himself on the rum question, put up Dwight M. Stebbins, of Three Rivers, but on a second thought, concluded that they had better vote for Mr. Potter, and this decision secured his election.

Mr. Hyde, late of Brimfield, and now President of Oahu College, Sandwich Islands, in a private letter to a lady in this town, says: "We have received great kindness from the people here, and I enter upon my work with most favorable indications. A new house has been built for us, and we hope soon to be settled in our new home. * * * Honolulu grows more and more charming in its natural beauty the longer we stay." He, with two other American gentlemen, was presented to King Kalakaua, at Iolani palace, on the occasion of the reception by the King of the new minister from this country, Gen. Comly, of Ohio, on the 25th of September. Hon. Henry A. Peirce, who was thus displaced to make room for a political favorite of President Hayes, had been minister resident at the Islands since July, 1869, and previous to that a prominent merchant there.

Prof. Marshall gave the most interesting lecture of the season at Wales Hall Saturday evening, and his vivid descriptions of the wonders he had seen were made to seem all the more real by the pictures upon his screen. The schools of the village were well represented, and it is a pity that more of our people are not interested in the grand scenery of *our* National Park, which is more worthy of careful study than any the old world can boast of. The colored views of the "Canons of the Yellowstone," and the geysers by moonlight, drew forth an almost involuntary burst of applause from his audience. We are glad to hear that Prof. Marshall has arranged to repeat his entertainment next Tuesday evening, at the State Primary school, and that people of the village are invited to be present, an admission fee being charged to lessen the expense to the School.

The whole number of votes cast in Palmer at Tuesday's election was 494, and the result in detail was as follows:

FOR GOVERNOR.

Alexander H. Rice,	258
William Gaston,	182
Robert C. Pitman,	53
Wendell Phillips,	1

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Horatio G. Knight,	260
William R. Plunkett,	182
Elijah A Morse.	51

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Henry B. Pierce,	262
Weston Howland,	180
D. B. Gurney,	51

TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.

Charles Endicott,	262
David N. Skillings,	231

AUDITOR.

Julius L. Clark,	262
John E. Fitzgerald,	180
Jonathan H. Orne,	51

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Charles R. Train,	262
Charles P. Thompson,	180
Orla T. Gray,	51

COUNCILOR.

Tilly Haynes,	261
W. M. Gaylord,	181
C. A. Merrill,	50

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

N. A. Leonard,	265
E. H. Lathrop,	180
H. W. Bosworth,	48

SENATOR.

Charles L. Gardner,	383
William L. Smith,	65
Henry W. Hallett,	43

REPRESENTATIVE.

Timothy D. Potter,	242
B. M. Fullerton,	227
Amos Olds,	1

SHERIFF.

Justin D. Parks,	236
H. Q. Sanderson,	208
J. J. Callanan,	50

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Edwin Chase,	312
John O'Donnell,	179

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS.

Ira G. Potter,	263
Samuel A. Bartholomew,	261
S. C. Spellman,	181
Roland Parks,	181
E. B. Haskell,	50
H. M. Sessions,	50

COMMISSIONERS OF INSOLVENCY.

W. B. Rogers,	261
F. D. Lincoln,	261
J. R. Dunbar,	261
J. P. Wall,	182
T. B. Warren,	182
H. W. Ely,	182

WEST WARREN.

The schools close this week for a three weeks' vacation.

Presiding Elder Haseall will preach at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon.

Some amateur theatricals are to be given by and by for the benefit of the Congregational Society.

The Catholic fair begins on the 19th with a concert.

ENFIELD.

A gray eagle was captured near James Richards' barn last week, measuring 7½ feet from tip to tip of wings. It is to be stuffed, and will probably go to Dartmouth College museum.

Jared Gould moves into his new tin shop this week.

Davenport Allen is preparing to build on the corner of Main and Bridge streets.

WALES.

Postmaster Cady has the foundation in for a new barn.

Mrs. Williams had her hand and wrist badly cut the other day, by breaking the glass in a window which she was cleaning.

The protracted meetings conducted by Rev. G. L. White, in the old Baptist church, have been quite successful. Rev. J. E. Ainsworth now fills the desk.

'Twas rich to see one of the staunch temperance men going to the ballot-box with a prohibition ticket with D. G. Green's name on it, saying: "I vote against rum and the devil."

By the use of pasters, the county officers were all saved on the labor ticket.

'Tis said that W. Royce, formerly of this place, has bought the fine residence of S. H. Wales.

Wales voted 20 to 2 against the constitutional amendment. They want no extra sucklings. *

LUDLOW.

Most of the schools in town closed yesterday.

Presiding Elder Whitaker began a three days' meeting at the Methodist church yesterday.

The town house is being newly clapboarded, and with a new chimney and new windows, will be quite presentable.

Rev. Wm. H. Vaille, of Pelham, exchanged with Rev. N. H. Martin a week ago Sunday, and during the evening some thief went into the house and took Mr. Vaille's valise, containing money and other articles; and also carried off some other things from the house.

BELCHERTOWN.

B. Butler, of New Haven, Conn., has purchased a chandelier from the Britannia works at Meriden, for the ladies of the Baptist church and society, at an expense of $30. The grounds in front of the church have also been much improved by laying a new stone walk, turfing, grading, etc.

The funeral of Capt. Simeon Pepper was attended from the Congregational church Wednesday afternoon, with Masonic honors. Capt. Pepper served in the war of 1812, and was always active in public affairs.

Edward and Dwight P. Clapp bagged 27 squirrels in a recent hunting expedition.

WILBRAHAM.

Marcius Alden has bought a house and lot in Monson Centre, and will remove there shortly.

The town voted on Tuesday, 184 to 19, to petition the Legislature for a division of the town. Town meetings are now held three years out of five at the north village, and the other two years at the south, but the two villages are so far apart this is very inconvenient, and it is thought best to divide up. Even then the residents of the north village will have to go two miles to do their voting if the Collins Depot residents succeed in their intention of securing the town house. The question of establishing a high school was laid on the table.

MONSON.

Election passed off quietly; the Prohibitory ticket having 79 votes—a gain of 77 from last year.

Some half dozen of our citizens visited the Senator elect Wednesday eve, and say they had a highly enjoyable time.

M. F. Bacon has bought out the fish and oyster business of the Pierce Bros., and will dispense blessings in his line to our community.

Henry A. King, formerly assistant in Monson Academy, has been admitted to the bar and has opened a law office in New York City. See advertisement.

E. F. Whitcomb, the shoemaker, retired apparently in his usual health Wednesday evening, but about 3 o'clock Thursday morning he was found breathing hard, and expired in a few moments. He was subject to the heart disease.

John Gorman, a well-to-do farmer in the eastern part of the town, cut his throat last Monday morning and lived till 11 o'clock Tuesday night. The loss of an only daughter six months ago had caused him to be despondent of late.

EAST BRIMFIELD.

The late rains have flooded the meadows and marshes of the Quinabaug valley, which gives the surrounding country a romantic and imposing appearance very like an inland sea of tolerable magnitude, and adds greatly to the beauty of the surrounding scenery in ordinary times.

The Grand Duchess is again visiting her dear friend in East Brimfield, gossiping with overflowing gusto, and dilating upon the latest Paris fashions, and divesting herself of an extra amount of æriform fluid to prevent personal combustion, and prepare her for entrance of another term to the sewing seminary in Monson of some repute, where she will graduate with great distinction in early summer, carrying the remains of broken hearts and sore heads of love-sick swains that have wilted under the cruel and bewitching smiles of her mesmeric fascinations and charms, that captivate at first sight. Her powers of fascination over the unsophisticated youth of certain and uncertain age, are sure to bring them to her feet suppliants for lenient favor. Monson will be all ablaze on the announcement of her arrival, and the young gentlemen will brush up their stove-pipe hats for the occasion, and come out in their Sunday best. Gloster.

BRIMFIELD.

Nathan F. Robinson has been improving his residence by adding a wing to the southwest corner, making the building more commodious and imposing in its outward appearance, showing conclusively the prosperity of that time-honored old democrat under President Hayes' democratic administration.

Porter Parker, Esq., has nearly completed the improvements and repairs of the old mansion, which has been completely metamorphosed, and given the appearance of a lordly villa of magnificent dimensions, suitable for the comfort and happiness of the bride which common report says Mr. Parker is soon to install there as mistress of the castle, and who, without doubt, will add grace and beauty to the establishment.

Sunday last being a delightful day, brought out all church-going people, filling the auditorium of the church with the beauty and fashion of the town, who appeared *en masse*, displaying a profusion of the fall fashions of rich dresses, and gorgeous rich bonnets, resplendent with brilliant colors, sufficient to satisfy the most ardent admirer of artistic fashion. Rev. Mr. Pierce as usual, was very eloquent, selecting his text from the sixth chapter of St. Matthew's gospel, the "Lord's Prayer." The afternoon services consisted in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Mr. E. W. Norwood is so far convalescent as to be able to sit up and walk about the room a considerable part of the day, though not yet sufficiently strong to go out of doors, and possibly will not be for some weeks. He will, in all probability, be able to resume his duties as principal and tutor in the Hitchcock High school, at the commencement of the next (winter) term. His sickness has caused serious disappointment, not only to himself, but to the large number of students, the trustees of the school and the public generally, who have unlimited confidence in his ability as manager and teacher. Index.

WARE AND VICINITY.

The French Catholics netted $750 at their late fair.

The Congregationalists voted at their church meeting last Friday afternoon, to use unfermented wine for sacramental purposes hereafter.

The two intermediate schools in town, and the High and Grammar schools at the Centre, closed this week. The Ware Grammar school closes next week, and the High the week following.

H. Warner Gould will commence a writing class for young ladies soon, in connection with the young men's, which is in successful operation in the room formerly occupied by Dr. Duquet. All ladies wishing to join the class will leave their names with Miss Cummings at the post office.

People do say silver ware is really very cheap at L. S. Stowe & Co.'s, Haynes Hotel Block, Springfield. Consumers get wholesale prices.

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BORN.

At Monson, 3d, a son to L. S. and R. E. MUNN.
At Belchertown, 25th ult., a daughter to EDWIN F. SMITH.
At Enfield, 28th ult., a son to I. N. SPENCER.
At Belchertown, 2d, a son to Rev. P. W. and Mrs. C. L. LYMAN.
At Ludlow, 28th ult., a daughter to JOHN W. HUBBARD.

MARRIED.

At Ware, 3d, by Rev. J. Peterson, CHARLES EASTMAN and CLARA A. COOPER.

DIED.

At Palmer, 7th, of diphtheria, DAVID G. FRASIER, 12.
At Palmer, 7th, Mrs. N. P. BARTON, 74. Her funeral will be attended to-day (Saturday) at 1 o'clock, from the residence of her brother, Dea. Wilson Brainard.
At Palmer, 3d, of diphtheria, EDITH IRENE, 7, daughter of Francis and Lucia B. Keyes.
At Springfield, 2d, AGNES, wife of Adolph Mielez.
At Ludlow, 28th ult., infant daughter of JOHN W. HUBBARD.
At Batavia, Ill., 4th, Dea. JOHN M. SPOONER, 76, a former resident of Springfield and father of J. C. Spooner.
At Lancaster, 14th ult., GEORGE E. GREEN, 27.
At Ludlow, 7th, SPENCER TALMADGE, 81.
At Belchertown, 5th, SIMON PEPPER, 85.
At Monson, 6th, JOHN GORMAN, 65.
At Monson, 8th, suddenly, E. F. WHITCOMB, 69.
At Monson, 6th, JOHN, 9, son of Michael Bresnahan.
At Winchendon, 5th, DAVID A. ALLEN, 31 years and 10 months.
At Warren, 3d ult., of diphtheria, MARY G., 8 years, 11 months, only daughter of Mrs. Mary B. Carpenter.

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West Brookfield, Oct. 25th, 1877. 3w32*

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And offering the best terms ever given to subscribers for any of the
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MAGAZINES or PERIODICALS.
It will be for your advantage to call before subscribing for anything elsewhere. 33

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. HAMPDEN, ss. October 31st, 1877.
By virtue of an execution which issued on a judgment recovered at the District Court of Eastern Hampden, holden at Palmer, within and for said County, on the sixth day of October, A. D. 1877, in favor of Silas Ruggles of said Palmer and against James Mahoney of said Palmer, I have taken all the right in equity that the said James Mahoney had on the twenty-second day of August, A. D. 1877, the day when the same was attached on mesne process to redeem certain mortgaged real estate situated in said Palmer, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the northeasterly side of a street as laid out on the plan of the Three Rivers village, which is in front of the late Hall J. Kelley's house and barn, and now the property of the Otis Company, it being the corner of said Otis Company's land, about one rod above their barn on land of the grantor, twenty-eight feet at a stake and stones, thence running southerly 65¼ degrees west, nine rods to a stake and stones set in the corner on land of Asa Shumway, grantor, and Otis Company, thence southerly 15¾ degrees east, on line of said Otis Company twelve and one-fourth rods to a stake and stones, thence northerly 65¼ degrees east, seventeen rods to a stake and stones on land of grantor, thence northerly on line of said grantor thirteen rods to the first mentioned bound, containing one acre, also a spring of water running on to said described premises, being the same described in a deed thereof recorded in Hampden Registry of Deeds, Book 314, Page 446, and on Saturday the first day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in front of my office in Palmer, County and State aforesaid, I shall offer for sale by public auction to the highest bidder said right in equity of redemption.
3w33r GEO. W. RANDALL, Deputy Sheriff.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. HAMPDEN, ss. To Herbert A. Northrop, Constable of the Town of Palmer, Greeting:
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the town of Palmer qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the town hall in said Palmer on Monday, the nineteenth day of November, A. D. 1877, at two o'clock P. M., to act on the following articles, viz:
Art. 1st—To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
Art. 2d—To hear reports of committee appointed to consider the wants of the town in regard to the town poor farm, and act thereon.
Art. 3d—To choose committees and give them instructions.
Art. 4th—To transact any other business that may properly come before said meeting.
And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the different public places designated by vote of the town, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting, and cause this warrant to be published in the Palmer Journal, two issues at least before the time of said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting. Given under our hands this eighth day of November, A. D. 1877.
PARKER W. WEBSTER, } Selectmen
J. O. HAMILTON, } of Palmer.
2w33 Attest, H. A. NORTHROP.

TO CLARA S. MATHER and HENRY MATHER, now or formerly of Monson, Hampden county, Massachusetts, and to any and all other persons interested in the following described premises, take notice that
By virtue of the power of sale and attorney contained in a certain mortgage deed, dated February 28th, A. D. 1874, and recorded with Hampden county registry of deeds, book 301, page 380, to which and the deeds therein referred to reference may be had for a more particular description, given by the said Mathers to the Palmer Savings Bank, a corporation by law established at Palmer, in said county, for a breach of the conditions thereof will be sold at public auction, on the premises, on Wednesday, the 5th day of December next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises therein described, to wit: The tract of land "situate on the easterly side of the road from the Brimfield road to North Factory."
Said premises will be sold subject to a prior mortgage to said Bank to secure $2000, and interest, and also to all unpaid taxes or assessments thereon.
Terms and conditions made known at the time and place of sale.
PALMER SAVINGS BANK,
By WILLIAM A. LINCOLN, Treasurer.
J. G. ALLEN, Attorney.
Palmer, Mass., Oct. 30, 1877. 3w32

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To all persons interested in the estate of Alice J. Hall, late of Monson, in said county, deceased, Greeting:
Whereas, George H. Newton, administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance the first account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased: You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be holden at Palmer, in said county, on the fourth Tuesday of November current at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed. And said Administrator is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week, in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper printed at Palmer, three weeks successively, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.
Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said court, this seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.
3w33n SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

REASONS WHY
THE
Boston Shoe Store
CAN SELL GOODS
Less than any other House!

We have often been asked how it is we can sell first-class goods at such LOW Prices.

IN EXPLANATION WE WOULD SAY:

1. We purchase in large quantities and for cash.
2. Our business is extensive.
3. Our Goods are purchased of the manufacturers, saving two or three profits to the consumer.
4. We are willing to work for very small profits, and give to every one as much as possible for their money.
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☞ The constant increase in our trade is conclusive to us that our efforts have been appreciated and are successful.

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CASKETS.

I am now prepared to furnish Stien's Patent Burial Casket, in
BLACK OR WHITE BROADCLOTH
or Purple Velvet. The nicest Casket made in this country. Also Pall Cloth and Table for such occasions.
I have on hand a splendid assortment of
BURIAL SHROUDS
of all kinds for sale.
All of these articles I will furnish at LOWER PRICES than they can be bought in any City.
FLOWERS OF ALL KINDS
furnished when wanted.
Palmer, April 4th, 1877. J. S. LOOMIS. 2tf

A. E. PARK
Opens this week
A FULL LINE OF
LAMP GOODS!
—:(o):—
SEE HIS PATENT
Shade & Chimney Combined!
It beats anything in that line!

Also, a neat assortment of
Table Cutlery!
—ALSO, A FEW—
ELEGANT DINNER CASTORS.
ALWAYS ON HAND
a complete stock of
Crockery, Glass & Stone Ware.

BARGAINS
In Choice TEAS, SUGARS and MOLASSES!
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50 CENTS SAVED by buying your FLOUR at
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PAPERS!—Do not forget to try that Paper when you are in Springfield. You will find it at 259 MAIN STREET. We keep
Manillas, Tissues, heavy, and in rolls, All regular sizes and weights.
Cover Papers, Seventeen different shades.
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Building Papers, Dry Sheathing, Rosin-sized Sheathing, Tarred Sheathing, Carpet Lining Paper.
Print Papers, Regular sizes and weights.
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Twines, Cotton, Hemp and Druggists's Twines.
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Does it Cheap at Packard's!

Buying for 3 stores for CASH, and selling for CASH (no bad debts), make low prices!

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Buys the Best $10 Overcoats at Packard's.
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Buys the cheapest Boy's Overcoats at Packard's.
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Buys Scarlet, White, Mixed, Ribbed and Glastonbury Under-Shirts and Drawers cheapest at PACKARD'S.
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Buys the best "Dollar" Unlaundried Shirts at PACKARD'S. Also, White and Fancy Shirts at less than home-made cost. Best assortment of Neck-Wear, Linen and Paper Collars to be found!
$300.00
Worth of Buck, Kid and Dog-Skin Gloves to be sold at prices that mean CASH, much under last year's prices.
WINTER CAPS FOR MEN & BOYS.
New Style Hats Constantly Arriving.
Remember and get Packard's price on Men's Suits, Boy's Suits, Pants and
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Before you invest. "There's money in it."
S. PACKARD & CO.,
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Everything to Furnish a House Complete or in Detail.

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Chamber Sets,
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English and American Carpets,
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THE CELEBRATED
"DAUNTLESS" RANGE,
"Superb" Parlor Stove, "Citizen" and "Princess" Range,
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And in fact hundreds of useful and ornamental articles to keep house with, at a great reduction from local prices. Our house is enabled to offer some great bargains this Fall, and parties in search of housekeeping goods will save from 10 to 20 per cent. by making their purchases of us. We shall give a liberal time for payment to those who wish it

Our country friends, when in town,
Buying, selling and looking around;
Should not forget, though in great haste,
To see this truly wonderful place.
It will reward them, ladies and all,
To pay this grand Emporium a call;
For in their travels by day or night,
Never again will they see such a sight
Of Household Goods—or clerks more polite.

HOLYOKE FURNITURE CO.
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THE PALMER
CASH BOOT AND SHOE STORE
HAS A
Larger Stock & Greater Variety
Than has ever before been offered in Palmer, and it is selling at much Lower Prices, my motto being LARGE SALES FOR CASH AND SMALL PROFITS!

From my eight years' experience in a store conducted on the credit system, I claim that any person can
BUY BETTER AND SELL CHEAPER FOR CASH!
and I SHALL DO IT! Thanking the people for their liberal patronage and hoping for a continuance of the same, I am Yours Truly,
E. S. GIBBONS, Successor to L. DIMOCK,
SIGN OF THE BIG BOOT IN FRONT OF STORE.

A LONG FAREWELL TO HIGH PRICES!
J. A. BALDWIN
Has just returned from New York with the best selected stock of
MEN'S, YOUTH'S, BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S
CLOTHING,
Hats and Furnishing Goods,
Ever displayed in the New York Corner Clothing Store.
MEN'S BUSINESS SUITS,
A large assortment and flip-top styles. Youths' Suits of all kinds and prices, from the lowest to the highest. Boys' and Children's dress and school suits. A large stock and extra bargains. OVERCOATS we can beat the world on. Call and see if it is not so. Gent's fine Neckwear, the best assortment we ever had; can suit everybody, and Underwear at WHOLESALE and RETAIL. All we ask is to give us a call.
N. B.—You can find that patent ZERO COAT with us. It beats the Ulster out and out. Look at it.
J. A. BALDWIN.
SEE! SEE! LOOK! LOOK!

Guns, Revolvers,
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FLOWER STANDS,
BRACKETS AND POTS,
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REVOLVING CLOTHES REELS,
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PAINTS, GLASS, FEED CUTTERS,
IRON AND STEEL,
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And a general assortment of
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AT LOW PRICES!
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FLOUR, GROCERIES, TEAS, COFFEES.

READ THESE PRICES!

Flour $8.00, Good St. Louis $8.50, Best St. Louis $9.00, Haxall $10.00.
8½ lbs. Granulated Sugar, $1.00; other sugars equally low.

Best Japan Tea,	75 cents
Best Oolong Tea,	75 "
Japan Tea,	50 "
Good Japan Tea,	35c, three pounds for $1.00.
Gang-up Oolong Tea,	50 cents.
A good Tea,	40 "
Old Gov. Java Coffee,	35 cents, 3 lbs. for $1.00.
Good Coffee,	15c, 25c, 30c per lb.
20 bars of Soap for	$1.00.

90 cents buys our new red glass can filled with kerosene, neat, safe, and what every one wants.

Porto Rico Molasses,	60c. and 70c.
Very nice Syrup,	75c.

☞ Car fare one way, inside of 30 miles, paid to any one who buys $25 worth.

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Is now open, and ready to receive your orders. We have all the best and most improved machinery for doing every kind of Laundry work QUICKLY and NEATLY, and we will do your work as *cheaply* as you can get it done anywhere else.—THIS WE GUARANTEE! Goods called for and delivered *free of charge* in the village and surrounding towns. An order slate can be found at the Post Office. 29tf

AGENTS WANTED.—Samples and terms sent on receipt of stamp. Box 113, Palmer, Mass. *

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.—September Term, 1877. Melissa Sampson Lib. v. Charles W. Sampson.
DIVORCE.
In the above entitled libel for divorce, it is now ordered that a decree of divorce from the bonds of matrimony be entered in favor of the said Melissa Sampson, for the cause of the gross and confirmed habits of intoxication and desertion of the said Charles W. Sampson, to be made absolute on motion after the expiration of six months from the first publication of this decree, upon compliance with the terms thereof, unless sufficient cause to the contrary shall appear.
And the libellant is required to publish, as soon as may be, an attested copy of this order in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper printed in Palmer, in said county of Hampden, once a week, for six successive weeks, that all persons interested may, within said six months, show cause, if any they have, why said decree should not be made absolute.
By the Court, ROBERT O. MORRIS, Clerk.
A true copy. Attest: ROBERT O. MORRIS, Clerk.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Mary Twiss, late of Palmer, in said county, deceased, Greeting:
Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said court, for Probate, by Richard Twiss, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, and that he may be exempt from giving a surety or sureties on his official bond as such executor,
You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of December next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.
And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.
Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this thirty-first day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.
3w32 SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To the next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Patrick McManamy, late of Palmer, in said county, deceased, intestate:
Whereas, application has been made to said court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Ellen McManamy of Palmer, in the county of Hampden,
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of December next, at nine o'clock before noon, to show cause, if any you have, against granting the same.
And the applicant is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.
Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esq., Judge of said court, this thirty-first day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.
3w32 SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To all persons interested in the estate of Anson B. Parker, late of Brimfield, in said county, deceased, Greeting:
Whereas, Horatio L. Parker, the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance the first and final account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased:
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be holden at Springfield, in said county, on the first Tuesday of December next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.
And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week, in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper printed at Palmer, three weeks successively, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.
Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said court, this thirty-first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.
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The Kiss.

Upon ane stormy Sunday,
Coming adoon the lane,
Were a score of bonnie lasses:
And the sweetest, as I maintain,
Was Caddie,
That I took uneath my pladdie
To shield her from the rain.

She said that the daisies blushed,
For the kiss that I had ta'en.
I wadna hae thought the lassie
Wad sae of a kiss complain.
"Now, laddie!
I wadna stay under your pladdie,
If I gang home in the rain."

But on an after Sunday,
When cloud there was not ane,
This selfsame winsome lassie,
We chance to meet in the lane -
Said, "Laddie,
Why didna ye wear your pladdie,
Wha kens but it may rain?"

HOW TO JUDGE A TOWN.

About a week ago a gentleman from Tennessee, representing a capital of $20,000, in search of a location at which to engage in business, gave us a call, and after stating his mission "West," asked to look at our paper. We handed him the morning *Journal*. To our surprise he did not stop to read our newsy local "pick ups," or our attractive editorial page, but he turned at once to the advertising columns and commenced counting over the spaces.

"Well," said he, glancing up from the paper, "is that all? Is that the business of this town?"

"Oh, no," said we, "here is the *Tribune* with a few advertisements which do not appear in the *Journal*."

He then counted two additional local business advertisements in the *Tribune* and again looked up with the remark:

"And that's all, is it? Why, you haven't got near as much of a town as I thought you had."

And then we explained to him that we have a great many business men that do not advertise.

"They are not business men to hurt if they don't advertise," was his answer.

We could not contradiet him, and we were powerless to vindicate the "claims of the city."

He left us, saying if he had time he would look around, but he thought this was no place for him.—*Jefferson City (Mo.) Journal.*

WISE SAWS AND MODERN INSTANCES.

The only wages never reduced—the wages of sin.

Ignorance has no light; error follows a false one.

Some people look at every thing, yet really see nothing.

There is no grief like the grief which does not speak.

He who chatters to no purpose climbs a tree to catch fish.

He who takes advice is some times superior to the giver.

It is better to need relief than to want the heart to give it.

Those who know the least of others think the most of themselves.

The greatest truths are the simplest; and so are the greatest men.

Cast your nets in the right water, and they may take fish while you are sleeping.

A woman fascinates us quite as often by what she overlooks as by what she sees.

In character, in manners, in style, in all things, the supreme excellence is simplicity.

The true secret of living at peace with all the world is to have an humble opinion of ourselves.

People who do wrong seldom have any difficulty in finding out excuses and justification for it.

When cleaning fish for baking, do not cut off the head and tail. For the stuffing soak half a pound of bread crumbs in water; when the bread is soft press out the water. Fry two tablespoonfuls of minced onion in some butter; add the bread, some chopped parsley, a tablespoonful of butter, and pepper, and salt. Let it cook a moment; take it off the fire and add a beaten egg. Fill the fish with this stuffing, and keep it in place by winding a cord several times around the fish. Lay several thin slices of pork across the top of the fish; sprinkle over water, pepper, and salt; put some hot water into the pan; bake in a hot oven, basting very often. When done (the top should be nicely browned) serve a sauce with it. The best fishes to bake are whitefish, bluefish, and shad. If not basted very often, a baked fish will be very dry.

There is nothing more indicative of refinement and a genuine culture in a family than bright, cheerful, and tastefully-decorated bedchambers. Tasteful decorations do not necessarily mean expense, and it is possible to make a chamber very pretty at a very small outlay. Indeed, in many instances, no outlay at all will be required beyond what would be incurred under any circumstances. The women of a family, especially, are apt to pass a good portion of their time in their bedchambers, and in some households the sleeping apartments are used alike for sewing-rooms, sitting-rooms, and nurseries. It is worth while to obtain all the innocent pleasure we can find in this life, and there can be no doubt that life is pleasanter if most of its hours are passed in cheerful-looking apartments.

Wit is educated humor, chastising intentionally. Humor, ingenious wit reproving unwittingly.

If what has been done is not always rewarded, what has been left undone is seldom recognized.

A fool has many disadvantages—he cannot indulge in the luxury of making a fool of himself.

Genius is the gold in the mine. Talent is the miner who brings it forth.

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—AND—

"THE WARE STANDARD."

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In addition to these special figures we will send

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PALMER, MASS.

THE SUN.

1878 **NEW YORK.** 1878

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The Daily Sun is a four-page sheet of 28 columns, price by mail, post paid, 55 cents a month, or $6.50 per year.

The Sunday edition of THE SUN is an eight-page sheet of 56 columns. While giving the news of the day, it contains a large amount of literary and miscellaneous matter specially prepared for it. The SUNDAY SUN has met with great success. Post paid $1.20 a year.

THE WEEKLY SUN.

Who does not know THE WEEKLY SUN? It circulates throughout the United States, the Canadas, and beyond. Ninety thousand families greet it as welcome pages weekly, and regard it in the light of guide, counsellor and friend. Its news, editorial, agricultural, and literary departments make it essentially a journal for the family and the fireside. Terms: One Dollar a year, post paid. This price, quality considered, makes it the cheapest newspaper published. For clubs of ten, with $10 cash, we will send an extra copy free. Address,

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COMBINATION SMASHED.

SEWING MACHINES

REDUCED ONE-HALF.

F. B. PERKINS

Is now selling

$50 Machines for	-	-	$25
60 " "	-	-	30
70 " "	-	-	35

The above prices are for the REMINGTON, DOMESTIC, SINGER, WEED, HOWE, WHEELER & WILSON, WILSON and DAVIS.

I have also some

GOOD MACHINES FOR $5, $10 and $15.

Office with E. J. WOOD, Nassowanno Block,
PALMER, - - - - MASS.

Branch Office under Hampshire House, Ware, and Post Office Block, Westfield. 7tf

If you feel dull, drowsy, debilitated, have frequent headache, mouth tastes badly, poor appetite, and tongue coated, you are suffering from torpid liver, or "biliousness," and nothing will cure you so speedily and permanently as to take SIMMONS'S LIVER REGULATOR OR MEDICINE.

Simmons's Liver Regulator.

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The Cheapest, Purest and Best Family Medicine in the World! AN EFFECTUAL SPECIFIC for all diseases of the Liver, Stomach and Spleen.

Regulates the Liver and prevents
CHILLS and FEVERS, MALARIOUS FEVERS, BOWEL COMPLAINTS, RESTLESSNESS, JAUNDICE AND NAUSEA.

BAD BREATH!

Nothing is so unpleasant, nothing so common as bad breath, and in nearly every case it comes from the stomach, and can be so easily corrected if you will take SIMMONS'S LIVER REGULATOR. Do not neglect so sure a remedy for this repulsive disorder. It will also improve your Appetite, Complexion and General Health.

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SHOULD not be regarded as a trifling ailment—in fact nature demands the utmost regularity of the bowels, and any deviation from this demand paves the way often to serious danger. It is quite as necessary to remove impure accumulations from the bowels as it is to eat or sleep, and no health can be expected where a costive habit of body prevails.

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This distressing affliction occurs most frequently. The disturbance of the stomach, arising from the imperfectly digested contents, causes a severe pain in the head, accompanied with disagreeable nausea, and this constitutes what is popularly known as Sick Headache, for which take SIMMONS'S LIVER REGULATOR OR MEDICINE. Manfactored only by

J. H. ZEILIN & CO. PHILADELPHIA.
Price $1.00. Sold by all Druggists. 1y27

BUILDERS' HARDWARE,

RANGES, STOVE AND FURNACES,

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The Evening Time.

Together we walked in the evening time,
Above us the sky spread golden and clear,
And he bent his head and looked in my eyes,
As if he held me of all most dear.
Oh, it was sweet in the evening time!

And our pathway went through fields of wheat—
Narrow that path, and rough the way;
But he was near, and the birds sang true,
And the stars came out in the twilight gray.
Oh, it was sweet in the evening time!

Softly he spoke of the days long past,
Softly of blessed days to be;
Close to his arm and closer I pressed—
The corn-field path was Eden to me.
Oh, it was sweet in the evening time!

Grayer the light grew and grayer still,
The rooks flitted home through the purple shade;
The nightingales sang where the thorns stood high,
As I walked with him in the woodland glade.
Oh, it was sweet in the evening time!

And the latest gleams of daylight died;
My hand in his enfolded lay;
We swept the dew from the wheat as we passed,
Far narrower, narrower wound the way.
Oh, it was sweet in the evening time!

He looked in the depths of my eyes and said,
"Sorrow and gladness will come for us, sweet,
But together we'll walk through the fields of life,
Close as we walked through the fields of wheat."

—*Good Words.*

ADRIENNE'S MISTAKE.

Adrienne Huntley sat thoughtfully reading two letters. Her father and brother had long since finished their breakfast and departed to their daily avocations. Still she did not move; her barely tasted coffee had grown cold, and the spaniel, Floss, waited in vain for his usual knob of sugar.

Very pretty was Adrienne, though now an anxious frown contracted her delicate brows. The male population of Colnwood were not far wrong when they declared her to be the belle of the town. Not often would you meet with such a pure-tinted complexion, such lustrous dark eyes, such a coronal of glossy chestnut plaits, or such a perfectly-proportioned figure.

At length she rose, and ringing to have the table cleared, went about her usual household occupations.

She neglected nothing. The pantry was duly inspected, stores were given out, pastry was made, and the necessary amount of dusting was accomplished. But during the performance of these customary duties, her face never lost its *distraite*, pre-occupied expression.

The last post the night before had brought her an offer of marriage. This offer was from a gentleman whom she respected much, but certainly did not love. He was, though, very rich, and the owner of considerable property in the neighborhood.

Then by the first post that morning had come another proposal. Strange to say from the cousin of her other suitor. He, however, had neither land nor money to boast of, being by profession an artist, and at present only an unknown, unappreciated one.

Hence arose Adrienne's difficulty. She liked her rich lover, but alas! for the contrariety of human nature, she loved her poor one. But then, all her life she had had to pinch, and contrive, and manage. Her father was a poor doctor in a poor parish, and every pound his patients paid him was spent in anticipation long before it found its way into his waiting hand.

A new pair of gloves or a new ribbon was a subject of deep rejoicing to his pretty daughter, while the cunning turnings and twistings and retrimmings that her bonnets and dresses underwent would fairly have astonished a young lady of more ample means.

Consequently, a sharp temptation now assailed her. Should she bid adieu to poverty and shabbiness and second-rate living, and accept George Morley, and with him the certainty of a splendid home, carriages, plentiful jewelry, and all those countless luxuries that wealth alone could purchase? Or should she—bravely resisting the enticing prospect—consent to become Guy Morley's wife, and by her presence and sympathy soothe and encourage him in his struggles and disappointments?

It was hard to decide, and all the morning she hesitated and wavered. In the afternoon irresolution was no longer possible. Yet even with her desk open and writing materials ready, she paused. What should she do? Which should it be? At last, with pale face and compressed mouth, she dipped her pen in the ink and wrote two short notes. And the one of acceptance was for George Morley, and the one of rejection was for his cousin Guy.

These dispatched, she hoped her mind would be at peace. But no, she felt wretched and miserable, and in the twilight, when she played to her father, and sang his favorite old ballads, her voice had a harsh, strained ring, and suddenly, in the midst of the concluding verse of "Auld Robin Gray," she broke down completely, and burst into tears.

"Why, Addie, child, are you not well? Is anything the matter, dear?" exclaimed her father.

"I—my head aches. I will go to bed, I think. Good night, papa."

Once in her room the pent-up feelings so long repressed had their way. Now that it was too late, she would have given her right hand to have been able to retract her decision. Position and comfort, dresses and diamonds, of what value would they be to her without him?

A sleepless night passed, and she arose tired and heavy-eyed. Every knock at the door, every ring at the bell, caused her to tremble with fear and apprehension. She must expect an early visit from her favored suitor; she must expect him to arrive, radiant with triumph, and how should she meet him?

It was evening, but he had not come. Her father had been called to a patient at some distance, her brothers had gone to attend a lecture on vivisection, and Adrienne was alone in the drawing-room.

She could not sit still; so out through the open French window she stepped, and across the smooth-cut grass.

At the end of the lawn was a moss-grown path, and up and down this she paced, her dress of soft gray making her moving figure distinctly visible against the sombre background of an ivy-colored wall.

The sunset hour was past, the opal hues of the sky were darkening, when a step on the gravel startled her, and a man's figure came hastening toward her.

Instinctively she recoiled, and would have fled; but in a moment she was folded in strong arms, and hot kisses fell on cheeks, and lips and brow.

"I—I——," she began, trying to release herself.

The waning light revealed who it was that held her in such close embrace. Resistance was at an end then.

She forgot that her troth was plighted elsewhere—forgot everything but the present rapture, as she let her head droop forward on Guy's breast.

"Oh! my darling—my darling!" he murmured, in passionate accents, "what have I done to deserve such happiness? I scarcely dared to hope that you would be mine, and when I had your sweet little letter I think I was nearly delirious with joy for a time."

"My letter? Why, it—why, I——"

"You expected me before, dearest? You thought me a tardy wooer, did you not? But I have strange and wonderful news to tell you, my beautiful one!"

"Oh! Guy, stay—stay. Have you my letter with you? Let me see it, please."

Reluctantly, and with many fond endearments, he withdrew his arms, and produced the precious epistle.

She read it, and her blushes succeeded by a deadly pallor, as she discovered that she must have put the notes in the wrong envelopes, so that the letter of acceptance had reached "G. Morley, Esq., care of Mrs. Prett, Laburnam Cottage," and the letter of rejection to "G. Morley, Esq., Pettewood Hall." Their initials and surnames being the same had rendered such a miscarriage perfectly easy and undetectable.

Unwittingly she had obeyed the dictates of her heart. Should she now let things be as they were? Should she say no word but allow her lover to remain in blissful ignorance of her former mercenary determination? No one had been in her confidence; even her father had been unaware of her receipt of her two proposals. But honor and loyalty whispered nay. She must tell Guy, and then—and then.

He had become impatient, and would have drawn her to his side again, but she stepped back.

"No, no, wait. I—I have something to say to you."

Very low and quivering was her voice.

"Yes, darling, I am listening, but do not try my patience too much. You have not given me a single word of welcome yet."

Whiter she grew.

"I made a mistake. I did not write this letter to you."

"Did not write this letter to me, Adrienne? Oh, Heaven, what do you mean?"

He had sprung forward and grasped her arm so fiercely that she winced with pain. His face was ghastly, and his eyes were fixed upon her in wild entreaty.

"I had a proposal of marriage from Mr. George Morley, and I wrote this letter to accept it."

"And what was to be my answer, then?" he hoarsely interrupted.

"It—I said I was sorry, but I could not be your wife, but—

He staggered back. The revulsion of feeling was too much, and he felt stunned and dizzy.

For the first time since she had begun her explanation she raised her head and looked at him. With a cry she sprang to him.

"Oh, Guy, forgive me, forgive. It is you I care for, it is you I love. I have been so unhappy ever since I sent those letters, it was his wealth tempted me. I have been so poor all my life, and I thought it would be so nice to be rich; but when I had written I saw my wickedness. I knew I could never be happy with him, and I did not know what to do. I have been dreading that he would come all the day, and I was afraid to see him."

She clung to him in agony; but he was passive and silent, making no motion to hold her.

"Oh! Guy, speak to me," she moaned; say you do not utterly despise me!"

Gently he disengaged her hands, slowly he retreated a pace.

"You would have thrown me over because I was poor; you would have married George because he is rich."

"Yes," she faltered, standing like a criminal before him, her bosom heaving and her fingers tightly entwined.

"You would have done violence to your own feelings; you would have deceived him by a pretence of affection, when all the time his wealth was the attraction?"

"Yes," came the low, pitiful answer.

"And I—I should have been treated as a daring, presumptuous fellow, who—"

"No—no! I never should have thought that. You do not know how bitterly I repent. Oh! forgive me, even if you can no longer love me!"

She waited, her very attitude pleading for mercy; then sadly, and with lagging feet, she turned to go.

Scarcely a dozen yards had she proceeded when with a hasty stride or two he had overtaken her.

She shrank away.

"Spare me any further reproaches. You are cruelly just; for a moment of weakness you would mete out a life-time of punishment."

"My darling!"

She started and turned, and the love she thought was forfeited forever, she knew was her's still.

"I must tell you my news now, dearest. I had a telegram yesterday, summoning me to London immediately. I went and found it was from a firm of lawyers. They informed me that a distant relation, from whom I had not the slightest expectations, has died and left me a large fortune. I stayed just to sign a few papers, then hurried back, for I was eager to have your answer. It was waiting at my lodgings, and as soon as I read it, I came straight here. So you see, dear one, you will have a rich husband, after all."

"Hush—hush! Don't—please don't!" she begged.

"Forgive me, dear one! I was wrong to speak so. But you forget that you have not yet sealed your promise to me."

"What do you mean?"

"Not one kiss have I received, and I have been very patient, I think. Sweetheart, I claim my due now."

She lifted her rosy lips, and the seal was set to their betrothal.

A philosopher says every married man should have a dog in the house. A dog will scare off robbers at night, eat up stale scraps of meat, and when you come home at night and find supper an hour in arrears, you can give vent to your wrath by kicking the animal clear across the room.

An old bachelor was courting a widow, and both sought the aid of art to give to their fading hair a darker shade. "That's going to be an affectionate couple," said a wag. "How so?" asked a friend. "Why, don't you see they are dyeing for each other already."

Piano keys that have become yellow will lose much of their color by leaving them open, as keeping them closed too much is the cause of their being yellow.

SUCCESS IN LIFE.

Benjamin Franklin attributed his success as a public man, not to his talents or his powers of speaking—for these were moderate—but to his known integrity of character. "Hence it was," he says, "that I had so much weight with my fellow-citizens. I was but a bad speaker, never eloquent, subject to much hesitation in my choice of words, hardly correct in language, and yet I generally carried my point." Character creates confidence in men in high station as well as in humble life. It was said of the first Emperor Alexander of Russia, that his personal character was equivalent to a constitution. During the wars of the Fronde, Montaigne was the only man among the French gentry who kept his castle gates unbarred; and it was said of him that his personal character was worth more than a regiment of horses. That character is power, is true in a much higher sense than that knowledge is power. Mind without heart, intelligence without conduct, cleverness without goodness, are powers in their way, but they may be powers only for mischief. We may be instructed or amused by them, but it is sometimes as difficult to admire them as it would be to admire the dexterity of a pickpocket, or the horsemanship of a highwayman. Truthfulness, integrity and goodness—qualities that hang not on any man's breath—form the essence of manly character, or, as one of our old writers has it, "that inbred loyalty unto virtue which can serve her without a livery." When Stephen of Colonna fell into the hands of his base assailants, and they asked him in derision,—"Where is now your fortress?" "Here!" was his bold reply, placing his hand upon his heart. It is in misfortune that the character of the upright man shines forth with the greatest luster; and when all else fails, he takes stand upon his integrity and upon his courage.

TEACH YOUR BOYS.

Teach them that a true lady may be found as often in calico as in velvet.

Teach them that a common school education, with common sense, is better than a college education without it.

Teach them that one good, honest trade, well mastered, is worth a dozen professions.

Teach them that "honesty is the best policy"—that it is better to be poor than rich on the profits of "crooked whiskey."

Teach them to respect their elders and themselves.

Teach them that as they expect to be men some day, they cannot too soon learn to protect the weak and helpless.

Teach them that to wear patched clothes is no disgrace, but to wear a "black eye" is.

Teach them that God is no respecter of sex, and that when he gave them the seventh commandment he meant it for them as well as their sisters.

Teach them that by indulging their depraved appetites in the worst forms of dissipation, they are not fitting themselves to become the husbands of pure girls.

Teach them that it is better to be an honest man seven days in the week than to be a Christian one day only, and a villain six days.

Teach them that God helps those who help themselves.

WHAT SHE ASKED TOMMY.

He was named Thomas and she was named Jane. They sat on a hotel balcony, yesterday, for three long hours, and giving themselves dead away in a crowd as being out-of-towners. As they sat down Thomas took one of Jane's hands. She allowed that sort of thing to go on without a word of protest, and the flaxen-haired youth finally seized the other one. They talked and talked, and looked down upon the street, and sighed, and the hours slipped away. At the end of the third hour she said:

"Tommy, dearest, I want to ask you something.

"Ask me a hundred—a thousand—a million things!" he exclaimed, in reply.

"Well, Tommy, I've got an awful cold in my head," she continued, "and if I draw one of my hands away and wipe my nose would you think I was mad? I've either got to do that, Tommy, or let my nose wipe itself. Just one wipe, Tommy, and then you may have it back."

Tommy released her hand, though he hated to, and her nose was softly and duly wiped.

HOW HE INDORSED IT.—A man with a long overcoat on and a horsewhip in his hand entered a bank near the post office yesterday and presented a check calling for $10, which he had received from a commission house.

"Please indorse it!" said the cashier, as he handed it back.

"I'll indorse it, of course," replied the man, holding up his right hand, as if about to swear.

"Write out your indorsement," explained the clerk, pointing to a desk outside.

"On—oh—that's it, eh?" And he went to the desk and slowly and carefully wrote on the back of the check:

"This is awl rite."

When the cashier entered into a clearer explanation the man drew down his hat, got red in the face and growled:

"Darn 'em! They just hate to let a cent slip out o' here, and don't you forget it!"—*Detroit Free Press.*

WHO MADE IT?—Sir Isaac Newton, a very wise and godly man, was once examining a new and very fine globe, when a gentleman came into his study who did not believe in God, but declared the world we live in came by chance. He was much pleased with the handsome globe, and asked:

"Who made it?"

"Nobody," said Sir Isaac; "it happened here."

The gentleman looked up in amazement at the answer, but he soon understood what it meant.

FRIED SQUASH.—A nice breakfast can be made from the cold squash left from yesterday's dinner. Add one beaten egg to one pint of smoothly mashed squash, stir in flour enough to fry nicely, drop in spoonfuls into a pan containing hot fat and fry a light brown.

It was an Irish pilot who being asked if he knew of the rocks in the harbour, replied with confidence, "I do, yer honor, ivery one ov them. That's wan," he added calmly, as the ship struck it, filled and sank.

If you put two persons in the same bedroom, one of whom has the toothache and the other is in love, you will find that the person with the toothache will go to sleep first.

Original.

Eddie and May.

All through the beautiful summer weather,
Two little children walked together
To school, 'mid the blossoms and fragrant clover,
Their sunny hearts with joy running over,
Little Eddie, and happy May.

An arm of each round the other's waist
Was thrown, with innocent childish grace.
In sunshine or shadow, in bright days or sad,
The children's faces were merry and glad,
Little Eddie, and happy May.

But when the birds and the blossoms were gone,
And the woods were scarlet, and golden, and brown,
The death angel asked for many a gem
To set in the Master's diadem,
And among them was little May.

But while her spirit was passing, she cried,
"Oh where is Eddie, is he by my side?
The way to heaven would brighter be,
If he might only go with me.
Where's Eddie?" said little May.

But she went the way that we all must go,
Alone—and though trusting in God, we know
We shall yearn for a human hand to hold,
When heart is failing, and flesh grows cold,
Like the little child—darling May.

Eddie still waits, but the coming years,
May furrow his face, and fade it with tears,
But if granting wealth and choicest treasure,
They can never bestow any richer measure
Of love than little May's.

Faithful to death! oh little one,
Whether Eddie follow thee late or soon,
Watch for his coming from that fair shore,
And hand in hand together once more
Shall walk Eddie and happy May.

N. K. B.

OUR BOSTON LETTER.

BOSTON, Nov. 15, 1877.

Are Boston girls to study Greek? That is the question which just now seems agitating, not only the residents of this intellectual city, but the entire Commonwealth. One young girl, Miss Helen Magill, daughter of President Magill of Strathmore College, Pennsylvania, went through the entire Latin school course, and afterwards graduated with honors at the Boston University. She studied Greek, likewise Sanscrit, became proficient in both, and neither lost her health nor womanliness, nor became involved in any "scandal," and stands to-day an unanswerable argument in favor of co-education and an undisputable refutation of the arguments employed against it. Facts are awkward things, and Miss Magill is a very well developed and healthy one, that they can neither set one side nor overlook. She is young, she is pretty, with shining blue eyes, soft brown hair, a trim little figure, which she attires with charming taste, a mouth that curves into sweet smiles and will not grow severe for all its conjugating of Greek verbs, declining of Latin pronouns, and reading Sanscrit sentences; a bright color that comes and goes with every change of emotion, which the Latin school studies failed to rob her of, and a pure mind and high ideal of life and its duties, which a thorough course of classics, studied in the companionship of the other sex failed to sully or even lower.

With a girl like this for a model, it is no wonder that Mrs. Fields and Mrs. Talbot made confident and courageous application for the admission of girls to the Boston Latin School, backed as they were by Rev. James Freeman Clarke, President Runkle of the Institute of Technology, and other men and women equally identified with the educational interests of the State. But weren't they surprised to see what a torrent of opposition they had raised! President Eliot, dreading the advance of an Amazonion army upon his beloved Harvard, if the outpost of the Latin School was carried, sprang at once to its defence, and used his best rhetoric and the worst logic to repel the invaders. President Porter of Yale joined forces with the President of Harvard, President Seelye, Drs. Clarke and Bowditch, and others of their ilk, seized the opportunity to air their cherished ideas of the physical inability of girls to be anything much beyond absolute idiots. Prof. Everett bluntly said that Greek wasn't fit for girls to study; it was demoralizing. Of all the absurd arguments, that seems the most absurd. Greek demoralizing! Homer and Plato pronounced unfit for girls, while they are taught French, which opens to them the vilest literature in the world. Young men and women may not study the classics together for fear of contamination, yet they may visit Opera Bouffe in each other's society, and learn morality from the modest Aimee and the decorous Soldene, or they may listen to the *double entendre* and laugh, without a blush at the allusions and situations in the modern French comedies, such as "Pink Dominoes," "Marriage," "Baby," and all the rest of the same class. It is only Greek and Latin that are dangerous. For my part I think it is quite time that some equal chance should be given to girls to prepare for college that is given to boys. Certainly they do not have the same advantage; with all the talk about the Girls High School, it does not do what it should; the fitting for college must take place after a girl leaves that school, and there is so much time lost.

It is quite the fashion to deprecate society newspapers and the personal gossip which they contain, and there is a great deal of professed contempt for it, while poor "Jenkins" has to come in for a large share of abuse. This contempt and abuse is to a great degree humbug, as any one knows who is at all familiar with society journalism. The uninitiated would be very much surprised to be told how many of the personal announcements of the whereabouts of people, descriptions of parties, announcement of engagements, &c., were sent by the persons themselves who figure in the paragraphs; and their wonder would be greatly increased could they hear these same inveigling against the impertinence of newspaper people, and above all of the person who had been so audacious as to put their names in the paper. It's delicious to those who understand it. I heard a conversation once between a young lady in society and the representative of a leading society paper. It was at a charity ball; the girl was pretty and exquisitely dressed. She went up to the young gentleman and said: "Now Mr. —— don't you put my name in the paper, nor tell what I had on. I have worn this dress once before, and it's horribly old. I was going to have a French dress from Worth's, but it didn't get here, so I had to wear this; now mind, don't put my name in the paper, but if you do, send me six."

That young woman had paid all the respect demanded from her to her supposed modesty and delicate womanliness, and then was ready to have her vanity administered to, to any extent. That was a girl after Mr. Adams's, Prof. Everett's, President Eliot's and Dr. Clarke's own heart. She didn't know a word of Greek or Latin, had never knocked for admission at the door of any college, and didn't want to go to the Latin School. And yet, my college graduate, she who knows Greek and Sanscrit, the talented daughter of the Pennsylvania college president, is much the truer, nobler and finer specimen of womanhood.

"Choice Autobiographies" is the name of a new series in the "Little Classic" style now being published by J. R. Osgood & Co. It comprises the autobiographies of celebrated persons, both men and women, edited by Mr. Howells; each volume opens with an essay by him, on the subject of the book, written in Mr. Howell's best style, and by no means the least entertaing part of the books. The first two volumes contain the story of Frederica Wilhelmina, Princess Royal of Prussia, Margavine of Bairenth, and sister of Frederick, the Great. This book is often referred to by Carlyle in his memoirs of that monarch. It is a wonderful revelation of manners at the old German courts, and reads more like a romance than the truthful representation of the lives of royalty. Fancy a princess beaten by her royal father, starved by his orders, bullied by his servants, alternately snubbed and petted by a weak and capricious mother, and finally married to the Prince of a little German province, whose court was a pitiable combination of abject poverty and a forlorn attempt at keeping up the appearance of royalty. There is a charm in the *naivete* with which she tells her story, describes the disagreement in the royal family, their intrigues, the quarrels of the King and Queen in regard to her marriage, the treatment of the Prince Royal, and finally her introduction to the court at Bairenth, where the finery was filthy and the wigs filled with vermin, but which had to be donned in her honor, because they were the court dress which etiquette demanded should be worn and poverty prevented anything better than their ancestors' discarded robes. The third volume contains the autobiographies of Lord Herbert of Cherbury, of whom Horace Walpole predicted that "he would hereafter be considered as one of the most extraordinary characters which the country (England) has produced," and Thomas Ellwood, a quaker and contemporary and friend of William Penn. The fourth and last published is devoted to Vittorio Alfieri, the Italian poet.

A new combination for lyceums and other entertainments has taken the field this season, and bids fair to rival any company that has been organized for the same purpose. It is rightly named the "Star Combination," since nearly all its members have a national reputation. It comprises Mrs. Julia Houston West who is without a rival as an oratorio and ballad singer, and heads the list of Boston's favorite artists. Mr. Wulf Fries, whom every one who heard the celebrated Mendelssohn Quintette Club in its palmiest days remembers; Miss Georgia Cayvan, the reader, young, pretty, popular and talented, and Miss Helen Cummings, one of the finest pianists in New England. These four give a charming and varied entertainment, and a very inexpensive one, too, considering the exceptional talent employed. They are under the management of Mr. J. F. West of Haverhill, who knows as well as any one can what the public really likes.

SALLIE JOY WHITE.

CARPETS.—The first and one of the most lasting impressions made on entering a house is by the general appearance of the carpets. One can at once determine whether they are chosen with a regard for good taste and comfort, or merely for show and effect. If they are not to be the most striking thing in the room, then we should do away with staring colors and great figures, and substitute for them small patterns and subdued colors in harmony and keeping with the other furnishing of the room.

The want of harmony could not fail to be felt if a rich Brussels where laid upon the floor of an inferior room with shabby walls and cheap furniture, or if a common ingrain were stretched upon the floor of a drawing-room with inlaid walls, richly carved furniture, and elegant mirrors.

Borders are in very general use, and are made to match all the new designs of carpets.

A gratifying rumor has recently gained circulation that the inventor of the telephone is at work upon a new instrument. It is a contrivance which can be applied to street organs, hurdygurdies, German bands, and pianos out of tune. It will collect the sounds and convey them noiselessly away to commons and other waste places, or out to sea; and there the objectionable music will disperse harmlessly. This is a better idea than the telephone, and as soon as the inventor can get it to work he ought to secure a fare sale.

A story is told of two New England deacons, between whom a bitter feud had long existed over some contested point. Neither would yield and the matter threatened to be handed down to the next generation, when one day Deacon Smith appeared before his old enemy, and solemnly said: "Brother Jones, it is a shame that this quarrel of ours shsuld bring scandal upon the church. I have prayed earnestly for guidance in this matter, and have come to the conclusion that you must give in—for I cannot.

"It is a very unclerical practice, and I must say, a very uncleanly one. Tobacco! Why, sir, even a hog would not smoke it." "Doctor C——," replied his amused listener, "do you smoke tobacco?" "I? No, sir!" he answered gruffly, with great indignation. "Then, pray, who is the hog, you or I?"

What did you get?" asked a wife of her husband, on his return from a hunting excursion of several days' duration. "I got back!" he sententiously replied.

What next? Before the war the fashionable styles in ladies' dresses reminded us of an umbrella hoisted. Now they remind us of an umbrella let down and buttoned.

It is all very well to honor a man by calling him lord of creation, but it does very little good when his dinner is kept waiting for an hour.

He murmured, "I am a man of quiet tastes;" then went behind the door, took a flask from his pocket and tasted something.

Virtue does not give us talents, but it supplies their place. Talents neither give virtue nor supply the place of it.

"Yes," said the old reprobate; "I always recognize water when I see it—looks just like gin!"

The Journal.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1877.

THE Pope is apparently on the very brink of the grave, and cannot survive many days longer. His mental faculties remain clear, but his bodily strength is all gone.

ERZEROUM has not been captured by the Russians after all, but will probably stand a siege. The siege of Plevna progresses, and must result in something decisive before many weeks.

THERE was another slight earthquake at Cornwall, N. Y., Wednesday forenoon, and yet another in some of the Western States Thursday. Old Mother Earth seems to be in a shiver over the approach of winter.

THE President congratulated Gov. Rice on his election, and believes that the result in Massachusetts is an endorsement of his, Hayes's, policy. It had about as much to do with it as it did with the conjunction of Saturn and Mars a few nights ago.

THE United States Supreme Court has decided that the Ætna Insurance Company of Hartford need not pay the insurance on a store in Missouri burned by Union troops during the war. This was a test case, and will relieve several other companies from like liabilities.

THE recount of the vote for Sheriff in Springfield resulted in a net gain of 19 for Sanderson. It is reported that Parks will ask for a recount in the entire county, but the result is not likely to be changed, and Mr. Parks had much better submit gracefully to the inevitable.

ANOTHER ocean cable is to be laid, this time in the waters of the Pacific, the cable to run from San Francisco to Japan and China, via Hawaiian Islands. The Transpacific Cable Company was organized in San Francisco on Wednesday, for this purpose, with a capital of $10,000,000.

SENATOR BLAINE has been quite sick at his home in Augusta, Me., during the last fortnight, his life being despaired of at one time. The trying scenes of the last two years have been too great a strain upon him, both mentally and physically; he is now a broken down old man, and his days of hard work are probably about over with.

TRAMPS are getting to be desperadoes, and where they can band together for plunder, they are really quite formidable. It is said that from 1000 to 1500 tramps are wandering through the country traversed by the Pennsylvania Railroad, and they have become so lawless that they stop trains and rob them. They have lately stopped and robbed a freight train, and employes of the trains are now obliged to go armed.

SPRINGFIELD is again in throes of agony over a candidate for mayor. Several good men refuse to take the nomination, and it is quite possible they may fall back upon Mayor Wight, who has had about enough of the business. It is a position which pays poorly except in kicks from every other man in the city, and the wearer of the honor must steel his face to the consequences and be thickly padded in the rear to escape severe contusions.

GOV. RICE has been down to Washington to tell President Hayes that the late election here was an endorsement of his, Hayes's, policy. Nobody else in Massachusetts is sure on that point. The fact is had it not been for the local candidates in the field Mr. Rice would have failed of an election. He simply rode in on the backs of other candidates, and the Presidential question had nothing to do with it. Gov. Rice wants something at the hands of the President. He wanted to go into the Cabinet, and having failed in that is now tickling the President to give him something else.

CONGRESS may adjourn next week—the most gratifying news that has come from the Capitol since the extra session began, but the gratification will be short-lived, for the regular session begins the first Monday of next month. The House amended the army bill by providing for a force of only 20,000 men, and assumed the prerogatives of the Commander-in-Chief by directing the President how to use a portion of the force. But the Senate has struck out this bit of impertinence, and insists on retaining the present standard of 25,000 men, which is none too large. The silver bill will not pass the Senate this session.

COL. E. B. STODDARD of Worcester, who is ambitious to be mayor of that city, has got pretty severely knocked in the head by making an imprudent speech before the stockholders of the Providence & Worcester railroad, charging that unless newspaper editors were provided with free passes they would "write down your road." He has lost his chance of being mayor in consequence, and now the Worcester and Providence newspapers are showing up how few favors they get from the railroads in return for the favors given. The fact is, newspaper men get very little time to ride on railroads, and do a great deal of gratuitous advertising for the roads, so that the railroads are largely indebted to the press, which is poorly repaid for its many favors.

In the Southampton *ex-parte* Congregational Council, last Friday, a reconciliation was effected between the two elements of the church, and a verdict was rendered condemning pastor Fitz as unfitted for the ministry more strongly than the Mutual Council which this was called to review.

A Kentucky hotel-keeper advertises to entertain eloping couples at half price.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

William H. Howell, cashier of the First National Bank of Hightstown, N. J., has embezzled $2175.

The Argentine torpedo ship Fulminate recently exploded in the harbor of Buenos Ayres, killing eleven men.

Francis Foster, aged 31, committed suicide at Eaton, N. Y., last week, because a damsel of 15 refused to marry him.

George Laflin of Southbridge died Wednesday from falling down stairs, and A. Lavigne fell from a building and was fatally injured.

A reign of terror exists in Memphis county, Tennessee, and innocent negroes are shot down by a gang of murderers, who prowl about at night.

Tobacco leaves are fatal to cows, as a Kentucky farmer learned a few days ago by losing three valuable animals which ate some of the weed with their hay.

Rev. C. Davis, a popular pastor at Jackson, O., eloped last week with a married woman. He left a wife and six children and she a husband and three children.

Four employes were injured by the breaking down of a railroad bridge at Brentford, Canada, last Friday, the engine and two cars being precipitated into Grand river.

Robert L. Case, President of the New York Security Life and Annuity Insurance Company, has been convicted of perjury in swearing to the annual statement of 1875.

Carl Strahl was lynched by an infuriated mob at Columbia, Ill., on Saturday, for the murder of Henry Guetz and his wife, and the robbery of their premises of everything valuable.

A misplaced switch on the Poughkeesie, Hartford and Boston Railroad, near the Connecticut State line, N. Y., Tuesday, threw a locomotive from the track and fatally injured Conductor Mellins.

A young woman named Bridget Kenneally was murdered in South Boston Wednesday evening. Peter Maboney is under arrest on suspicion, and the circumstantial evidence is strong against him.

As John Sullivan of Granby was driving with his wife and child on Sunday evening, the horse took fright and threw out the whole party, the beast falling upon Mrs. Sullivan, who was injured so that she died in a short time.

At New York, Monday night, Henry Hausman, a porter, shot himself and three of his children in a fit of crazy drunkenness, because his wife was habitually drunk. One of his children is dead and he is himself expected to die.

Hon. W. F. Coolbaugh, President of the Union National Bank of Chicago, was found dead Wednesday morning at the tomb of Stephen A. Douglas, having shot himself through the head. The intemperance of his wife is the alleged cause.

Because he was refused liquor at a drug store in Franklin, Ill., a wretch entered the store last Sunday night, and scattering powder, saturated with coal oil, around the floor, set fire to it. An explosion ensued before he could escape, and he was fatally burned.

A locomotive and three empty freight cars plunged into Piscataqua river at Portsmouth, N. H., Tuesday. A train hand was carried down the abyss sixty feet into the river, but was rescued alive. The engineer and fireman jumped from the engine in season to escape injury.

Mrs. Stuart, the talented young wife of Robert Stuart of New York, the latter a drunkard in high life, killed herself by taking a dose of laudanum Sunday night on account of the abuse heaped upon her by her husband. They were married only seven months ago. The husband is almost crazed by the sad affair.

BELIEVERS in Spiritualism will derive fresh comfort from a recent occurence up in Franklin county, where the "spirits" have been revealing to a farmer the whereabouts of some medicinal springs. While attending the Spiritualists' camp meeting last August, Amariah Briggs, of West Deerfield, was informed by a medium, who was in a trance, that there were some springs at a certain point in his pasture, and upon going home he went to the point indicated, and after a little digging with a hoe came upon a copious spring, where no water was ever known before. He has since unearthed six others in the same vicinity, all of them possessed of different medicinal properties, and already a number of remarkable cures are reported among invalids who have drank and bathed in the water. Above one of the springs was found a stone with these letters and figures cut in it: "G. W. R., 1671," which recalls the fact that the first (unsuccessful) attempt to settle Deerfield was made in 1671.

It is said that Sitting Bull's future home is to be on Red Deer river, where he and his band will be guarded by Canadian police. The troublesome savage promises obdience to the Canadians, but expresses intense hatred toward Americans.

The report of the directors of the Boston & Albany Railroad for the year ending September 30, 1877, shows a total revenue of $6,780,597.18; total expenses, $4,612,765.95; total net income, $2,096,581.23, and total surplus, $2,380,395.07.

A Connecticut clergyman has such a hatred for cider that he has announced his intention, in case there is a full bloom of apple trees next spring, of praying that they may all be blighted by frost. But what shall we do for apple pies, and vinegar?

The superiority of civil over ecclesiastical law has been expressed by the Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas. It was a case of six years' standing between a priest named Father Stack and Bishop O'Hara, and the latter was beaten.

Eleven vessels of the fishing fleet which took the risk of remaining in the Arctic Ocean after the season had closed have been rewarded by the capture of seventy-three whales—one of the largest catches on record.

A man named Rue out in Kentucky has married a woman named Xantippe. There is something ominous in those names.

Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Michigan are now the only States that elect a Governor every year.

Congressman Small, on trial at Columbia, S. C., was found guilty Saturday night of bribery.

LOCAL BUSINESS NOTICES.

A good tenement to rent in this village. Inquire of E. A. Bailey.

S. R. Lawrence has three good tenements to rent at reasonable rates.

P. O. P. C. H., the oldest one price clothing house in Springfield, are making their branch at Palmer a success by making low prices on overcoats, pants, underclothing, shirts, gloves, etc.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Lo, the wild goose!

The November flight of meteors is now due.

Freight traffic is lively on the railroads now-a-days.

There was quite a little snow squall last Saturday evening.

The Hampden Hat Mill started up on its winter campaign Thursday.

There will be a session of the Probate Court in this village on the 27th inst.

Alonzo Allen of Brimfield, his wife and two children are all down with diphtheria.

About forty pianos in town are tuned by one man, more than half of them being in this village.

Rev. A. J. Titsworth of Westfield preaches at the Cong. church to-morrow in exchange with its pastor.

J. L. Keith of this town, now in his 89th year, recently husked 250 bushels of corn in a month's time.

The "poodle dog" style of hair—frizzed, frowzed, and apparently uncombed—is quite the rage just now.

The Universalist social met with Mr. and Mrs. Truman Griswold on South Main street, Wednesday evening.

It has got to be a pretty well established fact that when a man bites into a chestnut in the dark he breaks up at least one happy family.

In remitting for your year's advance subscription, if you have not the scrip handy, send us a $2 bill, and we will give you credit for a year and two months.

The walk in front of Hitchcock's new stove store has been filled in and graded, and the walk and driveway around Allen's block have also been raised and fixed up.

About 100 friends of Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson paid them a surprise visit Monday night, on the occasion of their china wedding, bringing a handsome tea service.

Rev. C. H. Eaton exchanged pulpits with Rev. Mr. Philbrook of Pawtucket last Sabbath. To-morrow evening the Sunday school will give a concert at the usual hour.

The Excelsior Club will have a meeting in Union Hall Monday evening and a full attendance of the members is desired, as important business is to be brought up.

In writing for the press our correspondents should always use ink when possible. Editors can occupy their time much better than in attempting to decipher illegible pencil writing.

Mrs. Sylvia Thompson, who died Monday night of diphtheria, was taken Friday morning with the disease, thus being sick only three days and a half. Her infant child died on Thursday.

We have received the annual catalogue of the Monson Academy, which shows an attendance for the year of 127 pupils, with an average term attendance of 83 pupils. There are nine students from this town.

Frederick Tatro and J. W. Weeks were before the District Court Tuesday charged by Geo. Davis, Jr., the "spotter," with liquor selling. Mr. Weeks was discharged, but Tatro was fined $50 and costs, from which he appealed.

Miss Sadie E. Stimpson of Westfield, an accomplished musician, and a pupil of Prof. Zuchtman, by whom she is highly recommended, desires to form a class in music in this place, and can be consulted on the subject at the Tockwotton House.

The net earnings of the New London Northern railroad in the last fiscal year were $187,-312, or, deducting taxes, $166,600. This is the largest sum the road has saved in one year and exceeds by $6009 its earnings for the year 1875-6. In 1871 the earnings were $139,-000.

The error is common among clergymen, to use the word *verse* for *stanza* in giving out hymns; and the error is also common out of the pulpit. It is not correct to say, "sing the first three verses." Webster defines *verse* as "a line consisting of a certain number of syllables or measures," and *stanza* as "a series of lines or verses."

The Wilkinsons gave a very popular entertainment in their version of Uncle Tom's Cabin, and their houseful of listeners Wednesday evening was alternately convulsed with laughter at the comical cuteness of Charlie and Lillie as "Cute" and "Topsy," or saddened almost to tears by the affecting scenes in which Uncle Tom, Eva, and Topsy figured.

Don't forget the concert at Wales Hall next Tuesday evening by Amos Whiting's Chorus of trained singers. The programme of the evening is one of rich and varied excellence, and is sure of a fine rendering, while the price of admission has been placed at so low a figure for an entertainment of this character that the hall should be filled "from pit to dome."

The A. O. H. of Palmer have engaged Wales Hall and Bacon & Kenfield's full quadrille band for their annual Thanksgiving ball, Wednesday evening, Nov. 28th. Supper is also to be served at the Tockwotton House, for one dollar a couple. The committee are making strenuous efforts to ensure success, and hope for a goodly company of young men and maidens "without regard to creed or nationality."

Addie Walker is a trump card, and always sure to turn up when least expected. She is now heard from at Northampton jail, accused of stealing a gold watch, chain, and $25 from a Montague man with whom she was riding, but it was thought her accuser would not appear against her, for reasons best known to himself. He tells two different stories and confesses to several irregularities in connection with the rides, on one of which Addie is alleged to have committed the theft.

A very neat and pretty employment for winter evenings is what is known as "spatter painting." A sheet of cardboard of the desired size is covered with a design of a cross, anchor, crown, or anything the fancy may suggest, and surrounded with pressed leaves, ferns, delicate grasses, etc., and then covered with a fine spotting of India ink, when the leaves are taken off, leaving a very pretty picture. Handsome mottoes are also made by cutting out letters to suit the artist's eye. All the necessary tools and full directions for the work are put up in a neat box, costing only a dollar. See advertisement.

The announcement in the JOURNAL last week of the Lyceum's "literary meeting" was enough to fill Union Hall Thursday evening, so that late comers only found standing room. Readings, recitations and music filled up the time, and an extemporaneous and slightly humorous debate on the question, "Which are the most useful to a community, doctors or lawyers?" closed the entertainment. Next week new officers are chosen, Dr. Holbrook and Hon. C. L. Gardner will discuss the advisability of reducing our standing army, and an extemporaneous debate is promised, "subject and debaters to be announced."

Since the 8th inst. the Register of Deeds has recorded the following real estate conveyances: Peggy Knox to Jane A. Starks, lot on Pine street, Palmer, $225; Jane A. Starks to Sarah A. Bailey, land and buildings on Pine street, Palmer, $1000; James Maloney to Ellen Wren, land in Three Rivers, $400; James Maloney to Frederick Allen, land in Three Rivers, $300; Jeremiah Dutton to Mary B. Cavin, land in Bondville, $415; James O. Hamilton to Melissa S. Shaw, farm in Palmer (Center), $1250; Rice M. Reynolds to the Monson Savings Bank, land and buildings on Broad street, Springfield, $3000; Daniel G. Green to Marvette Harvey, farm in Monson, $450; Dwight Vinton of Dudley to Merrick Vinton of Holland, land in Holland, $75; Harriet A. Chamberlain to Francis Locke, land in Brimfield, $500. Also these mortgages: Mary A. Smith to Mary J. Seymour, undivided half of land in Monson, $3750; Lavinia B. Webber of Springfield to Calvin Polly of Holland, land on Myrtle street, Springfield, $2000.

LUDLOW.

There is quite a religious interest in the M. E. church.

WILBRAHAM.

Club open society occurred last evening.

The new catalogues of the Academy are published.

The Centennial was discussed at the Wednesday evening social of the Methodists.

WALES.

F. C. Smith, a prominent farmer of this town, is now in the city hospital at Boston, where he is undergoing treatment for catarrh. He has been afflicted with the disease for many years until it became necessary to have a portion of the inner bone of the skull removed, as it was decaying. The operation was performed a few days ago, and Mr. Smith was doing well at last accounts.

HOLLAND.

It is very gratifying to know that the ministration of the Rev. Mr. Scott, who has been occupying the pulpit of the Cong. church of this town since July last, begins to show the fruits of his labor, by additions to the church of new members converted under his preaching. On the first Sunday in this month three prominent young ladies came forward and publicly gave themselves up to serve in the Lord's vineyard, and it is expected that others will soon see the way plain to enter upon a new Christian life. C. B. A.

WARREN.

M. L. Henry is erecting a new two-story house on High street.

Henry Ward Beecher's lecture in the Cong. church was listened to by some 600 persons.

A Catholic fair in Brigham's Hall has been in progress this week, with prizes for the most popular gentleman and lady.

The Young People's Catholic literary association present a drama, "Deborah," next Wednesday, with a dance afterward.

The monthly *Herald* proposes to double its size and change to a weekly with the New Year if sufficient support is guaranteed.

Daniel Hathaway has been elected Prest., and J. W. Tyler Sec. and Treas. of the Reform Club, which now has 71 members. The ladies have formed a women's temperance union, with Mrs. C. M. Kimball for Pres. and Mrs. Joshua Moody Sec. and Treas.

WEST WARREN.

Auction sales in a vacant store in Crossman's brick block attracted large crowds on the evenings of last week.

Stove coal has been selling at $5.30 a ton, delivered, but only a small lot was sold at that price, the regular price at present being $5.75.

Some thirty or more from this village went up to Warren Monday evening to hear Rev. Henry Ward Beecher lecture on "The Ministry of Wealth."

The ladies of the Methodist society are to give a public supper in Crossman's Hall next Wednesday eve. Their hospitality is so well known that there will doubtless be a large party present and a very pleasant time.

John Downey, who has for a long time been estranged from his wife, and who recently broke into her house and pounded her and absconded, has now returned, and having made peace all around is living peacefully in the bosom of his family.

BRIMFIELD.

The late rains have flooded the streams and saturated the ground, preparatory to the laying down of the winter carpet to protect the vegetation of the coming spring, and warm the earth during the winter solstice.

There was a grand hop and supper at Amos Monroe's hotel Wednesday evening, given by the young gentlemen of the high school, that brought out the *elite* of fashion and an array of beauty seldom seen congregated in Brimfield. Many young people of the village and also strangers from abroad were present, and joined in the mazy dance of the evening and enjoyed themselves with great *eclat*.

There will be held, according to custom, in the hall of the High School on the evening of the 23d inst, a reunion of the present and past members of the school, to exchange gratulations and more firmly cement former friendships, and enjoy the evening in social converse. May they have many such friendly greetings, and when they separate and go to their homes may they carry with them that lasting friendship which endures for all time, and in all situations. It is hoped that as many of the past members will be present as can make it convenint.

The Hitchcock High School will close its fall term next Friday. The number of students this term has been large of both sexes, but those of the ladies' department have been conspicuous for intellectual culture and rapid advancement in their studies during the session, although they have been deprived of Mr. Norwood's valuable aid and attention. They have also shown a lady-like deportment in their daily walks outside the recitation room, and in the social circle, which gives them an enviable position worthy of commendation. I wish I could say as much for the young gentlemen; but I am compelled to say that outside the school room many of them, in some instances, have not observed the rules of decorum and manners pertaining to gentlemen. INDEX.

MONSON.

Tin smiths and plumbers are very busy.

The fall term of the Academy closes next Wednesday for a two-week's vacation.

One who is posted says there are only 35 painters in town, and they are all busy now-a-days.

Frank Webber has bought of Albert A. Ball the new house on Bridge street, opposite Marvin Bradway's.

Cyrus W. Holmes has painted and trimmed his office opposite his residence, and also the double house north of the office.

Jotham Shaw is painting his dwelling house on High street, and Jarvis Smith is painting his barn a delicate tint—the ashes of roses.

Thomas McDonald has bought the fish and oyster business of Mark Noble, and will accommodate the public to the best of his ability.

Herbert Bacon's dog has been biting cats and hens and things, and has finally given up the idea of living and gone where he will not bite any more.

Arba Squier has the foundations in for three new houses on the west side of Washington street, and will have them ready for occupancy about the 1st of January.

Albert Norcross has a new style of oil matting, made from paper, which certainly looks equal to the oil cloth usually sold, and which it is claimed will wear without cracking.

There is quite a diversity of opinion in regard to the refusal of the town officials to give A. J. Northrop the right to vote, but his name was not on the register nor on the voters' list.

W. K. Flynt & Co. will hereafter manage their boarding house at the quarry, as Amos Nichols, the former boarding master, has gone into the grocery and provision trade in Stafford.

The millinery and fancy goods stores are now placing tempting bonnets, hats and "fixins" in their show windows, and lots of people had rather have them than a savings bank account.

The new sidewalk in front of Green's Hall is quite an improvement, and if the public contributions and the selectmen's liberality don't build a good sewer and walk opposite, it shows a lack of enterprise.

G. W. Burdick is making arrangements for securing a larger crop of ice this season than formerly. He has arranged new gigs so that the ice will be raised whichever way the motive power moves, thus securing a double advantage over the old way.

Editor Journal:—In your last issue your spicy Brimfield correspondent issued a caution and gave some advice to the young men of Monson. Now in reply will say that it comes in a time when danger is afar off.—There is no chance for the model young man as long as the world-renowned personage of the Grand Duke is in our midst—he, the personification of greatness and embodiment of knowlege, outshines all the minor lights as regards favor from the fair and beautiful Duchess. He having of late returned from his tour in the eastern empire, crowned with laurels, and in his *mind* covered with all the emblems which become a Duke, rests in peace as regards success. He moves in our midst admired and favored by all who can kill time to no better advantage than listening to his wonderful experience while on his extended tour. He thirsteth for the time to come when he can catch a glimpse of those beautiful eyes, and in heavenly tones relate to the Duchess the tale of his life and give his vast income into her care and keeping, and with his whole heart become her slave. Having been so long surrounded by the dazzling beauties of a tourist's life, and passed through so many scenes of pleasure, at last he has come into this secluded hamlet to pass the winter as tutor in the Sewing Seminary here located, appearing at times as if his heart were full lest the attractions held forth to the Duchess might fail to call her hence. With form erect and staff in hand he moves amid the scenes of gayety in this beautiful hamlet, admired and worshipped, with his beautiful voice and sweet and soft words tainted with a foreign accent. How can the soft and unsophisticated youth of Monson expect to outshine such splendor, or even dare to crave one smile, one holy glance, from the beautiful enchantress? OLIO.

WARE AND VICINITY.

The newly elected officers of Eden Lodge will be installed Nov. 26th.

Rev. Mr. Bond of New Braintree preached at the Cong. church Sunday.

Twenty-five or thirty Ware people attended Beecher's lecture at Warren, Monday evening.

John Connor was badly bruised last Saturday a. m. by a box containing a piano falling upon him.

At a meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, it was voted that thanks be tendered the citizens who so kindly aided in furnishing their rooms.

Frank Sibley's new house on High street is progressing rapidly under the skillful hands of L. D. Chamberlain, and will no doubt be ready for occupancy in a short time.

A memorial of the late Sylvester B. Bond, by his pastor, has been published in a neat pamphlet form. Friends of the deceased desiring copies will be supplied by leaving their names with his relatives or with C. W. Eddy.

Eden Lodge, F. and A. M., elected the following officers Monday evening: George S. Marsh, W. M.; Chas. S. Robinson, S. W.; Geo. E. Fairbanks, J. W.; Addison Sandford, treas.; H. O. Caryl, secy.; H. F. Barnes, S. D.; Henry Connell, J. D.; Thos. Renison, S. S.; John H. Chaffee, J. S.; J. W. Robinson, mar.; Wm. Kennedy, chap.; G. G. Hall, organist; C. A. Volk, J. S.; Lyman Taylor, tyler.

We copy the following from the *Sunday Telegram*, a paper published at Providence, and devoted to New England bachelors, which some of our Ware people may possibly be interested in: "Valentine Sheldon—Age 34, medium height, and light moustache. Another red faced butcher and a great flirt with the fair damsels, who often wonder what Banner of ——. Who knows what there can be in Springfield which so often takes him there? Ladies, cut her out and give the Springfield bachelors a chance." "Charles P. Weeks—or Charley, is the interesting cloak salesman in F. M. Tinkham's large store in Springfield; he is yet young and quite handsome; he dresses well—very well; he's a good fellow and the girls all like him; he has a girl in his eye, it is said, but the ladies don't give him up yet, she may get no farther; he is really the most saving young bachelor in Springfield, for he is invariably taking in the *waists* in his department. Set your caps, girls."

A very large audience were in attendance at Music Hall last Monday evening to participate in the dedicatory exercises of the Reform Club. The North Brookfield Reform Club were represented by a delegation of twenty-five. The Catholic Total Abstinence Society were in attendance in a body, and the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Ware were present almost to a member. The exercises were as follows: A report from the executive committee of the club, Dr. Davis, its chairman, presenting to the club and W. C. T. Union the use of the recently-secured rooms, as a home for those organizations and headquarters for temperance in the town. The president, Rev. J. Peterson, replied in a speech of acceptance; Mrs. Peterson, president of the W. C. T. Union, then made a formal presentation to the club of the furnishings of the club rooms (which the Union have supplied) to their use, so long as they shall have for their object the raising and serving of fallen humanity, which was replied to by Rev. J. L. Marsh, vice president of the club. Then followed brief addresses by Dea. Hyde, Hon. L. N. Gilbert, Messrs. Bachelder and Paige of the North Brookfield Reform Club, Messrs. Clark of the Total Abstinence Society, Thurman, Hastings and Costello of the Ware Reform Club. The exercises were interspersed with singing by a quartette and choir, under the direction of R. L. Hathaway. After the public services at the hall, an invitation was extended to all visiting brethren and all who had taken part in the exercises to repair to the club rooms, where an ample collation had been spread by the ladies, and partake of the same, which was accepted by about 200. After the collation, more speaking and singing was indulged in, and, at a late hour, after cheers for the visiting clubs, and amid congratulations and good wishes, the company broke up and departed to their several homes well pleased, apparently, with the exercises and results of the evening.

FACTS, FASHIONS AND FOIBLES.

—Old maids are prim roses.

—Grant consumes consommé.

—Mince pies are cut in princesse style.

—Dark green is trimmed with cardinal.

—Wendell Phillips speaks of the "acting President."

—Chinese watches show twenty-four hours on the dial.

—Bridal veils are again of costly lace. Tulle is tabooed.

—"Goldsmith Maid" has earned her owners $325,000.

—A Frenchman praises Americans for carrying so little baggage.

—Mississippi is gradually reducing the State debt of $2,000,000.

—In England the tramp is kept down only by a strong rural police.

—Victoria Woodhull is said to be a failure in England as a lecturer.

—Undressed black kids are considered the most stylish for street wear.

—Fresh tomatoes and fresh tomcats have disappeared for the season.

—"Pure sugar-coated peanuts" is the latest device of the street huckster.

—Leprosy prevails and is on the increase among the Chinese in San Francisco.

—Within the past year 20 people over 80 years of age have died in Somers, Conn.

—Almost the entire 12,000 miles of Russian railroad has been created since 1868.

—Mr. Delaine, of the London *Times*, retires on a pension of $10,000 a year for life.

—A famine is feared in Siam, and the King has forbidden the exportation of rice.

—Large lace collars, like those worn in olden times, are again coming into fashion.

—The Emperor of Germany suffers much from an unpicturesque complaint—the earache.

—Jesse Pomeroy, the boy murderer, has been detected in efforts to escape from State Prison.

—A performing bear and a big bulldog had a street fight in St. Louis. The bear was beaten.

—Honey worth $1100 from bees worth $6 is the record of an Onondaga (N. Y.) man for last year.

—Steamed potatoes obtain from the skin a mild "potatoey" flavor that boiled ones do not possess.

—A Canadian farmer, who recently lost a pig, after long search found him drowned in the cream can.

—Bright red lobsters and tiny green beetles are embroidered on the points of ladies' collars and cuffs.

—The United States average a yearly loss of fifty million dollars by fire. Insurance companies pay it.

—General Ben Butler says he will get married if he has to propose to every woman in the United States.

—A cow deliberately committed suicide the other day, near Lake City, Minn., by jumping from a high bluff.

—Gillow & Co., the most eminent upholsterers in London, occupied precisely the same site in 1777 as they do to-day.

—The mayors of London, Liverpool, Southampton, Portsmouth, Canterbury and Taunton, England, are all Jews.

—The Paris Exposition buildings will be all under one roof, or succession of roofs, and will be over five miles in length.

—A six-story tenement house in Mott street, New York, contains ninety-nine families, numbering in all nearly 500 persons.

—Plevna contains a population of 17,000 souls, with nineteen mosques, two churches, 1600 houses inhabited by Mussulmans, and 1400 by Christians.

FIRES.—There was a $100,000 fire at San Francisco Monday, and a $50,000 blaze at Evansville, Ind., Tuesday evening.——Miller Brothers' cutlery factory at Meriden, Ct., was damaged $50,000 by fire Saturday night.——Field & Leiter's dry goods store in Chicago was almost entirely destroyed Wednesday evening by fire, causing a loss of $1,100,-000 or more, partially insured. Two men were killed and several wounded seriously by accidents during the fire.

Emery W. Shaw, who has been discharged from custody after lying in Dedham jail several months on a charge of murdering the old man Smith at Weymouth, will ask the next Legislature for reimbursement for his time and expense.

Stannard, Vt., has a wild man of the woods, four feet high, covered with hair, with a head of fiery red hair that hangs over his shoulders, and who runs like a deer and yells like a hyena.

Cork is coming into use in Germany as a filling for winter bed coverlets, in place of feathers. It is said to be not only lighter and cheaper, but decidedly warmer.

Apothecaries in Holland are not allowed to put up powerful prescriptions on an old recipe, as what might have suited a man six months ago may not be good for him now.

The county commissioners have awarded the contract for the new South-end bridge at Springfield to the Leighton Bridge Works of Rochester, N. Y., for $45,700.

Corydon Weed, of Bloomington, Ill., is a voluntary bankrupt with liabilities of $1,800,-000 and hardly any assets. Many eastern capitalists lose heavily by him.

A man at Tyler, Texas, was trying to drive a stray pig into its pen, when he fell down and the animal attacked and bit him so severely that he died in a short time.

After the lapse of a quarter of a century and more, Becket Center has a store, and Alvah Phinney keeps it in the old "Alek Clark tavern stand."

A North Carolina woman has become the mother of seven children within two years—triplets first, and four at the second birth. All are living.

Two married ladies in Trimble county, Ga., who are twins, each gave birth to twin sons in September, one on the 22d and the other on the 24th.

Coal is being delivered in New York and Brooklyn as low as $3.50 per ton, owing to competition among the traders.

Dan Voorhees has been sworn in as successor to Senator Morton. He is a savage old Democrat of the copperhead species.

Read the advertisement in another column of the Congregationalist.

The Lester combination scroll saw is the best saw for the price in the market, which with lathe, circular saw, drill and emery wheel attachment, can be bought for $8.00 complete, at Smith & Stewart's, 488 Main street, Springfield.

In active pursuit of pleasure or gain the inestimable blessing of health is too often forgotten until disease is firmly seated, and the fact only realized by great bodily and mental suffering. The Liver is the vulnerable point in most persons, and the disarrangement of that organ involves almost the whole system; hence the reason why under the liver disease there is enumerated such a number of afflictions, and we claim Simmons's Liver Regulator to be a remedy for them all.

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If you doubt the wonderful success of SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE, give it a trial; then if you are not perfectly satisfied, return the bottle and we will refund the price paid. It has established the fact that consumption can be cured, while for coughs, hoarseness, asthma, whooping cough and all lung or throat troubles, there is nothing like it for a quick and positive cure, and it seldom fails. 10 cents, 50 cents and $1.00 per bottle. If your lungs are sore, or chest or back lame, use SHILOH'S POROUS PLASTER. Price 25 cents. Sold by G. H. APPLETON.

DR. SHILOH'S SYSTEM VITALIZER is no doubt the most successful cure for dyspepsia and liver complaint we have ever known, otherwise we would not guarantee it. In cases of consumption, where general debility, loss of appetite and constipation exist, it will restore and regulate the system, while SHILOH'S CURE allays the inflammation and heals the lungs. Price 75 cents. Sold by G. H. APPLETON.

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BORN.

At West Warren, 10th, a daughter to A. L. PASCO.
At Gilbertville, 9th, a son to Rev. W. D. BROWN.
At South Amherst, 5th, a son DWIGHT THAYER.

MARRIED.

At Springfield, 14th, WILLIAM W. CUTLER and IDA, daughter of Charles C. Marcy; same date, JOEL M. PARKER and SUSAN L. DAY.
At Stamford, Ct., 8th, JULIUS A. SMITH of Wales, Mass., and LAURA E. KIRK.

DIED.

At Palmer, 12th, SYLVIA, 26, wife of John Thompson; 15th, JENNIE, 13 months, only child of John and Sylvia Thompson.
At Springfield, 13th, Mrs. JULIA A. MORSE, 56; 14th, MATILDA CORCORAN, 18.
At North Amherst, 12th, REUBEN ROBERTS, 72.
At Southbridge, 11th, the wife of Provostus McKinstry; 13th, the wife of William Hardenburg and daughter of the foregoing.

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Palmer, Nov. 15, 1877. 34tf

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE!

To John A. Elliott, or any other person interested in the following described tract of land:

This is to give notice that by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed, given by John A. Elliott to David Parker, dated February 29th, 1864, and recorded in Hampden county registry of deeds, book 224, page 32, which mortgage was assigned by said David Parker to Cyrus Fay by assignment dated April 2d, 1864, and recorded in said registry, book 224, page 33, and for breach of the conditions contained therein, will be sold at public auction, upon the premises in Brimfield, Mass., on Saturday, the fifteenth (15th) day of December next, at ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed and described as follows:

"A certain farm or tract of land situated in the southerly part of Brimfield, and being the same premises this day conveyed to me by David Parker, containing one hundred and sixty acres, be the same more or less, for a particular description of the same reference is hereby made to the deed of Orrin C. Andrews to said Parker, and recorded in the the registry of deeds for Hampden county, book 177, page 257, also the deed of John Shaw to said Parker, recorded in said registry, book 207, page 553." TERMS CASH.

BROOKSEY W. FAY,
Executrix of the will of Cyrus Fay,
Mortgagee.
Sturbridge, Mass., Nov. 10, 1877.
J. M. COCHRAN, Attorney,
3w34 Southbridge, Mass.

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I am now prepared to furnish Stien's Patent Burial Casket, in

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SCRIBNER'S MONTHLY
FOR 1877-'78.

Without recalling the excellence of the past, the publishers of SCRIBNER'S MONTHLY announce, for the year to come, the following papers:

THE PICTURESQUE SIDE OF AMERICAN FARM LIFE.—This subject will be treated in a series of separate papers engaged from writers who stand in the front rank among Americans, both in qualities of style and in keen insight of nature. Mr. R. E. Robinson, author of a delightful paper on "Fox-Hunting in New England," in the January number, will represent the same section in this series. John Burroughs, whose papers on similar topics have been a highly prized and popular feature of Scribner, will write of Farm Life in New York. Maurice Thompson, the poet-naturalist, will describe the characteristics of Western farming, of which but little has been written. It is expected that the illustration of this series will be of a refined and typical character, commensurate with the subject-matter. It is thought that no paper or series of papers yet issued in Scribner will so fully realize the constant desire of the magazine to keep out of the ruts, and both in text and illustrations, to obtain quality rather than quantity, and to print fresh, strong and delicate work from original sources.

"ROXY,"—by EDWARD EGGLESTON (author of "The Hoosier Schoolmaster," &c). This novel will doubtless be the most important American serial of the year. The first number was published in November. Those who have read it in manuscript declare ROXY to be much the most striking and remarkable story this author has ever written. It is illustrated by one of the ablest of the younger American painters—Mr. Walter Shirlaw, President of "The American Art Association."

AMERICAN SPORTS.—Some of the most novel and entertaining of these papers are yet to appear, the scenes of which will be in the West, the Middle States, the South, New England and Canada.

OUT-OF-DOOR PAPERS.—by John Burroughs, author of "Wake Robin," &c., will contain not only articles on Birds, but on "Tramping," "Camping out," and kindred topics. Mr. Burroughs's papers will begin in the January number, the first being entitled "Birds and Birds," and illustrated by Fidelia Bridges.

ARCHITECTURE OF BIRDS.—Dr. Thomas M. Brewer will contribute four exquisitely illustrated articles on birds'-nests, which every lover of nature will delight in. Dr. Brewer has probably the finest collection of birds' eggs in the world to draw upon for the illustration of these papers.

THE SADDLE-HORSE.—Col. Geo. E. Waring, with whose excellent work of various sorts our readers are familiar, contributes two excellent articles on the horse. He treats specially of saddle-horses and their use for pleasure and for sport, including road-riding, fox-hunting and racing. The nature of the English thoroughbred and that of his Eastern progenitor (the Arabian) are fully considered in relation to these uses.

SAXE HOLM.—New stories by this popular writer will be given in early numbers of Scribner, beginning with "Joe Hale's Red Stockings," to appear in January. This "novelette" chronicles an episode of the late war in the Union.

"HIS INHERITANCE,"—by Adelaide Trafton, so well begun in the Midsummer Holiday number, will be continued nearly through the year. It will be found to be of increasing interest to the very end.

"A KNIGHT OF FORTUNE"—Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen's new novel—will be begun in Scribner at the conclusion of "His Inheritance." It will reveal a phase of American society undreamed of by most of our readers, and will be certain to increase the reputation of the writer as a master of English and of his art.

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NOTICE.—I hereby forbid all persons harboring or trusting my son, Henry M. Soule, on my account, as I have given him his time, and shall claim none of his wages nor pay debts of his contracting after this date. ANSON SOULE.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. HAMPDEN, ss. To Herbert A. Northrop, Constable of the Town of Palmer, Greeting: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the town of Palmer qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the town hall in said Palmer on Monday, the nineteenth day of November, A. D. 1877, at two o'clock P. M., to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1st—To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2d—To hear reports of committee appointed to consider the wants of the town in regard to the town poor farm, and act thereon.

Art. 3d—To choose committees and give them instructions.

Art. 4th—To transact any other business that may properly come before said meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the different public places designated by vote of the town, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting, and cause this warrant to be published in the Palmer Journal, two issues at least before the time of said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting. Given under our hands this eighth day of November, A. D. 1877.

PARKER W. WEBSTER, } Selectmen
J. O. HAMILTON, } of Palmer.
2w33 Attest, H. A. NORTHROP.

TO CLARA S. MATHER and HENRY MATHER, now or formerly of Monson, Hampden county, Massachusetts, and to any and all other persons interested in the following described premises, take notice that

By virtue of the power of sale and attorney contained in a certain mortgage deed, dated February 28th, A. D. 1874, and recorded with Hampden county registry of deeds, book 301, page 380, to which and the deeds therein referred to reference may be had for a more particular description, given by the said Mathers to the Palmer Savings Bank, a corporation by law established at Palmer, in said county, for a breach of the conditions thereof will be sold at public auction, on the premises, on Wednesday, the 5th day of December next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises therein described, to wit: The tract of land "situate on the easterly side of the road from the Brimfield road to North Factory."

Said premises will be sold subject to a prior mortgage to said Bank to secure $2000, and interest, and also to all unpaid taxes or assessments thereon.

Terms and conditions made known at the time and place of sale.

PALMER SAVINGS BANK,
By WILLIAM A. LINCOLN, Treasurer.
J. G. ALLEN, Attorney.
Palmer, Mass., Oct. 30, 1877. 3w32

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Mary Twiss, late of Palmer, in said county, deceased, Greeting:

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said court, for Probate, by Richard Twiss, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, and that he may be exempt from giving a surety or sureties on his official bond as such executor,

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of December next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this thirty-first day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.
3w32 SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To the next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Patrick McManamy, late of Palmer, in said county, deceased, intestate:

Whereas, application has been made to said court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Ellen McManamy of Palmer, in the county of Hampden,

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of December next, at nine o'clock before noon, to show cause, if any you have, against granting the same.

And the applicant is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esq., Judge of said court, this thirty-first day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To all persons interested in the estate of Anson B. Parker, late of Brimfield, in said county, deceased, Greeting:

Whereas, Horatio L. Parker, the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance the first and final account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be holden at Springfield, in said county, on the first Tuesday of December next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week, in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper printed at Palmer, three weeks successively, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said court, this thirty-first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.
3w32 SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To all persons interested in the estate of Alice J. Hall, late of Monson, in said county, deceased, Greeting:

Whereas, George H. Newton, administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance the first account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased: You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be holden at Palmer, in said county, on the fourth Tuesday of November current at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed. And said Administrator is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week, in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper printed at Palmer, three weeks successively, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said court, this seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.
3w33n SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

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The Altered Motto.

O, the bitter shame and sorrow
That a time could ever be,
When I let the Saviour's pity
Plead in vain and proudly answered:
"All of self, and none of thee!"

But he found me. I beheld him
Bleeding on the accursed tree,
Heard him pray, "Forgive them, Father!"
And my wistful heart said faintly:
"Some of self, and some of thee!"

Day by day his tender mercy,
Healing, helping, full and free,
Sweet and strong, and ah! so patient,
Brought me lower, while I whispered:
"Less of self, and more of thee!"

Higher than the highest heavens,
Deeper than the deepest sea,
Lord, Thy love at last hath conquered;
Grant me now my soul's desire—
"None of self, and all of thee!"

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Ay, goodman, close the great barn door;
The mellow harvest time is o'er:

The earth has given her treasures meet
Of golden corn and bearded wheat.

You and your neighbors well have wrought,
And of the summer's bounty caught;

Won from her smiles and from her tears
Much goods, perhaps, for many years.

You come a tribute now to pay—
The bells proclaim Thanksgiving Day.

Well have you sown, well have you reaped;
And of the riches you have heaped.

You think, perhaps, that you will give
A part, that others, too, may live.

But if such argument you use,
Your niggard bounty I refuse.

No gifts you on the altar lay
In any sense are given away.

Lo! rings from Heaven a voice abroad:
"Who helps God's poor doth lend the Lord."

What is your wealth? He'd have you know
To hold it, you must let it go.

Think you the hand by Heaven struck cold
Will yet have power to clutch its gold?

Shrouds have no pockets, do they say?
Behold! I show you then the way:

Wait not till death shall shut the door,
But send your cargoes on before.

Lo! he that giveth of his hoard
To help God's poor doth lend the Lord.

To-day, my brethren—do not wait;
Just yonder stands Dame Kelley's gate;

And would you build a mansion fair
In heaven, send your lumber there:

Each stick that on her wood-pile lies
May raise a dome beyond the skies;

To stop the rents within her walls,
And yonder rise your marble halls;

For every pane that stops the wind
There shineth one with jasper lined.

Your wealth is gone, your form lies cold,
But in the city paved with gold

Your hoard is held in hands Divine;
It bears a name that marks it thine.

Behold the bargain ye have made,
With usury the debt is paid.

No moth doth eat, no thieves do steal,
No suffering heart doth envy feel;

Ring out the words, Who of his hoard
Doth help God's poor doth lend the Lord!

Go get your cargoes under way;
The bells ring out Thanksgiving Day!

WHITE DEVIL.

One night in June, ten years ago, the sentinel pacing up and down before the gates of Fort Defiance, up in the northeastern part of Arizona, suddenly heard the hoof-beat of a horse.

"Halt! Who comes there?" rang out the challenge, but there was no answer.

It was a starlight night. Two or three hundred feet away the sentinel caught sight of a white horse approaching him at a brisk walk. When he could see the horse he could also see that it had no rider. Droves of wild horses and still wilder mustangs were frequently seen from the fort, and the sentinel was rather pleased that one of them was being led by curiosity to approach the gate.

The horse grew whiter and larger as he came nearer, and when he halted he was not over ten feet from the guard. He was tall and powerfully built, mane hanging almost to his knees, and tail sweeping the ground, and he was as white as snow. Head up, ears pointed forward, and eyes open to their widest extent, the wild horse stood for a long minute and looked into the soldier's face. His nostrils dilated, his tail moved this way and that, and the muscles in his powerful chest and legs stood out in bold relief. The soldier's surprise and admiration were so great that he stood like a statue, musket on his shoulder, and his mind almost doubting what his eyes saw.

Suddenly, and without an instant's warning, the horse sprang forward to the attack. Catching the sentinel by the shoulder with his teeth, he raised him clear off the ground, and shook him right and left as if he was an empty grain bag, and then hurled him against the heavy gate with terrible force. The yell of pain and alarm uttered by the man had scarcely died away before the relief came hurrying out. They found him lying in a heap beside the stockade, unconscious, and his uniform in tatters. There was no enemy in sight—not even a wolf skulked away through the darkness. A general alarm was sounded, the drums beat to arms, and for a quarter of an hour the excitement was intense, every one believing that a large force of Indians was on the point of making an assault.

When the sentinel recovered his senses and related his adventure, no one would believe his story until a sergeant had examined the earth and discovered the hoof prints of the horse. It was, however, such a singular adventure that no one felt easy until morning came. Then the trail of the white horse could be followed far out on the prairie; and soon after sunrise the horse himself was discovered bearing down on the fort from the direction of the mountain range three miles away. As the word went round every man turned out to catch sight of the animal about which so much had been said. He came forward at a sweeping trot, head up, tail streaming far behind, and his knee-action as perfect as if he had been trained on the course for years. He swerved neither to the right nor left, and never halted until he was within pistol shot of the crowd at the stockade.

The sentinel had not exaggerated in his statements. The color was snow white, and such strength and symmetry no one had ever before seen in a horse. The ears were pointed, the eyes as bright as stars, and the sun glistened on his hide as if it had been varnished. For two or three minutes not a word was spoken by any man, and the horse did not move a foot. Then a scout and hunter, who had come into fort about half an hour before, said to the commander:

"Why, that's the hoss known among us and the Injuns as 'White Devil.' I've seen him four or five times and I've heard of him at least once a week for the last five years. He's the ugliest, slyest and most treacherous beast standing on four legs."

The scout related that the horse before them came to notice about five years before, when the Indians made several attempts to capture him. He was singled out from the drove and pursued for several days, and in despair of securing him one of the red men sought to kill him, so that no one else should secure the prize. The horse was only wounded by the bullet that was meant to take his life. He at once separated from the drove and followed his former pursuers like a shadow. He dashed into their camps at night, attacked their ponies when he found them grazing, and had on several occasions attacked lone Indians and quickly killed or disabled them.

"I'll give $200 to the man who captures that horse for me!" said the commander, as he noted every point about the majestic animal.

"You might just as well offer $10,000," replied the scout. "That 'ere hoss can pace, trot, and gallop, and thar isn't a wolf in the hull Sierra range which can smell of his heels. I'd as quick take the job of cleaning out all the reds in Arizona as of catchin' the White Devil. See that fore foot go up! See them ears lay back! He'll charge the hull crowd in less'n a minute!"

Before a word of warning could be spoken, the horse made a dash upon the men, screaming out as a troop horse does when badly wounded in battle. The soldiers rushed for the gate. One of the hindermost was a private named O'Meary, scarcely up to the regulation height, and run down by sickness until his weight did not exceed 100 pounds. The White Devil seized him by the back, lifted him off his feet by a toss, and when the soldiers next looked O'Meary was being borne away with the swiftness of the wind. The horse had a firm grip of clothing and flesh, and keeping his head well up he swept over the prairie with the soldier held almost perpendicularly before him. He was out of range before anybody could pick up a gun. There were a dozen or fifteen horses at the post, and in five minutes as many men had mounted them and were galloping away in pursuit.

White Devil and his victim had disappeared over a swell about a mile from the fort. As the horsemen reached the crest they found the dead body of their companion on the grass, bitten and stamped and kneaded to a bloody mass. The horse stood facing them, 40 rods away, as if he had waited for them to come up. As the remains were being conveyed to the fort several hunters came in, and in a short time a force of 20 mounted men left the gates to try and effect the capture of the vicious animal. The men had lassoes, hobbles and ropes, and the instructions were to drive the horse from the neighborhood if he could not be captured. He stood upon the ridge and looked down upon the band as it left the fort. The four lasso throwers rode directly at him, while the rest of the men separated and rode to cut off retreat by way of the mountain.

When the first horseman was within 100 feet, White Devil, who had been standing like a block of stone, threw up his head and started off at a brisk trot. Ten rods beyond the first ridge was a second, with a little green valley between. Ridges and valleys ran straight away to the west for twenty miles, and as the horse headed that way one of the hunters said:

"The beast is in for a long race. He will go down to the end of this valley, turn to the left, and before noon he will be back here, returning on the fort side of this first ridge. Three of us will push him along as fast as we can to the end of this valley. The rest of you drop out in squads here and there and race him as he comes back. Let three or four men halt right here to give him the last push."

The wild horse courted pursuit. Half a mile away he was racing up and down, throwing his heels into the air, snorting and pawing the sod in his impatience to be off. With a whoop and a yell, three lasso throwers started in pursuit. They were almost near enough for a throw when the horse headed away at a trot. They could not gain an inch, though they had three of the best mustangs in the territory, and the animals were pushed to the top of their speed. Head up, mane rolling back over his shoulders like a wave of foam, and his massive tail streaming out like a flag, the White Devil lifted his feet and put them down as steady as clock-work. While they were doing their best, they could see that he was not using all his power. They kept up a continual yelling for the first five miles, hoping to break his pace, but neither shouts nor the reports of the rifles lost him a step.

In 70 minutes the White Devil was at the end of the valley, fresh as a daisy, while the mustangs, half a mile behind, were reeking and blowing. He waited for them to come up and then turned to the left, struck a pace, and swept away at such a gait that he was soon out of sight. Ten miles to the east was the first squad of men. They sighted him a mile away, and were all ready for pursuit. Coming straight ahead, with the grass almost smoking under his feet, the wild charger passed them not more than a hundred feet away. He laid back his ears at their yell, but went straight ahead at a thundering pace. In 10 minutes the men could hardly see him. A second and a third squad were treated in the same manner, and as the last one was reached White Devil changed his pace to a gallop, threw up his heels, and headed for the range. He was soon out of sight, and the chase was abandoned.

At daylight the next morning the strange horse looked down from the ridge again, and by and by walked down to within pistol shot of the fort. A band of sixty friendly Indians out on a hunt had halted at the fort the night previous, and they were in for a new chase. More than eight well-mounted pursuers were ready soon after breakfast. Some rode to cut off retreat to the range, and others galloped down the valley. An hour after they were out of sight the main body made a dash for the horse, which had been grazing for the last half hour. He took to the valley as before, and men dropped out at every mile to push him as he returned.

White Devil was pushed faster than before, but he would neither break his trot nor let a horseman get within a hundred feet of him. The Indians who had gone on ahead were expecting him to turn as before, but the wild horse kept straight ahead as he reached the mouth of the valley. He ran out on the prairie for twenty miles, tiring out every horse in pursuit, and then wheeled and returned over his route of the previous day. Men were waiting for him, but he scarcely appeared before he was out of sight. He was pacing and trotting by turns, and not until he reached the end of that eighty-mile chase did he break into a run. When near the fort he crossed the ridge, shook off his last pursuer, and entered the dark canon in the mountains. The Indians traced him until the canon split into three or or four rocky defiles, and then they camped down with the determination to wait till hunger and thirst should drive the fugitive out. Darkness came, midnight came, and the watchers heard nothing.

With the soft tread of a wolf almost, a foe stole upon the Indians sleeping under the walls of the fort. Step! step! step! and a white object stood within ten feet of the first sleeper, and peered this way and that. It was White Devil! The red men were still waiting in the dark canon, but the horse had emerged from the range by some defile known and used before.

The sentinel at the gate heard a shrill neigh, saw the smouldering brands of the dying camp fire high in the air, and the next moment the Indians were yelling and screaming in affright. Back and forth charged the horse, striking, kicking and uttering wild neighs, and he did not disappear until the roll of the drum called the soldiers to arms.

The Indians had suffered such damages that they were determined to kill the strange tormentor as soon as daylight came, though his life had hitherto been held sacred. He was heard racing up and down while night lasted, and when morning broke he was in plain sight. The Indian heart almost relented at sight of the strong limbs, milk-white coat, and silver eyes, but White Devil dared them to attack by prancing up and down and flinging his heels about.

Separating into squads of ten, the redmen rode out on the prairie. White Devil stood still, ears flat to his head, lip down, and one forefoot raised a little. When three of the squads were within pistol shot they halted, and thirty rifles covered the brave lone horse. While they were thus held he gathered his feet like a cat and dashed at the nearest horseman. A roar of rifles and a volley of bullets stopped him. Struck by a score of balls, he halted, reared up, shook his beautiful head in agony of pain, and fell and died without a groan. The Indians gathered around, but they did not exult. As they stroked his glossy neck and sleek sides they said to one another:

"He was brave! We will paint his picture on our war shield, and the body shall be buried from the wolves!"

WEIGHING THE THAKSGIVING TURKEY.

"Here, sir! Please take this bird around to Albro's, and see how much he weighs.

The idea! What would the folks over the way say, to see the "professor" walking out with a big turkey under his arm? That was the way the thing presented itself to the good-natured college-student acting as private tutor in the family. But Mrs. Simpson, the portly and practical housewife, had no such idea of the fitness of things.

It was the day before Thanksgiving, and the farmer who had agreed to supply her with a turkey had brought it, but had not weighed it, and, of course, they could not agree on its weight, all of which ended in the startling proposition with which we began.

"Well, if you aint the laziest man——! Just as though it was going to hurt you any to take this bird to the corner and back!" she went on, as she saw me looking, apparently, for a hole to crawl into, but, in reality, for the broom, which, when I found, I made use of in putting into execution a plan I had formed for weighing the turkey at home.

I hung the broom-handle to the gas-jet by a wire loop, and slid it along in the loop until it balanced. By this time all were curious to see what I was about.

I then fixed a wire to the turkey's feet and hooked it so that it would slide on the broom-handle. Next I got a flat-iron and fixed it in the same way. When the broom was nicely balanced, I hung the turkey on the broom end of the stick, two inches from the balancing loop. Then I hung the flat-iron on the other side, and shoved it along until it balanced the turkey. Next I measured the distances of the turkey and flat-iron from the balancing loop. That was all. I had found the weight of the turkey, and told them: Twenty-four pounds.

"Do you s'pose I'm going to believe all that tomfoolery? It doesn't weigh mor'n twenty, I know. Here, Maggie! Take this out and ask Albro to weigh it for you."

"I'm blamed if he hasn't hit it about right," said the farmer who had brought the turkey. "How did you find out?"

"Well, you see," said I, "the flat-iron has a figure 6 on it; that shows that it weighs six pounds. Now, if the turkey had not weighed more than the flat-iron they would have balanced each other at the same distance from the balancing loop; but the turkey was the heavier, so I had to move the flat-iron out further. At the same distance from the loop as the turkey (two inches), the flat-iron pulled six pounds' weight, and at every addition of that distance it would pull six pounds more. Thus: At four inches it pulled twelve pounds; at six inches, eighteen pounds; and at eight inches, twenty-four pounds. At that distance it just balanced the turkey, thus proving that it weighed——"

"Well, Maggie, what does Albro say?"

"Twenty-four poun', mum," replied Maggie, coming in.

"Well, I give up," said Mrs. Simpson; and she did, and so do I—till next time.—*St. Nicholas for November.*

At the renting of pews in a Chicago church there was a hot competition for pew No. 78, and the bids run up to a large sum. It was finally knocked down to Brother B. "Why were you so anxious to get that particular seat?" he was asked by Brother C. "Why? Because it's just next to Brother M's.," he replied. "Well, what of that?" returned the other. "Why," rejoined Brother B., "M.'s as bald as a jug, and he draws the flies from everybody around him. I made up my mind to get a pew near him this year, for if there's anything I hate it's to be pestered with flies when I'm—when I'm—listening to a good sermon."

It is stated that short walking dresses are now the mode in Paris, and as American women are the slaves of the fashions set in that fine city it would be well that they be not too long in finding out the facts about the short dresses. Let us congratulate the "fair" that between the practice of dragging their dresses through the mud and this other extreme of carrying the long skirt in the hand, Paris has at last hit the true average by introducing dresses that will neither sweep the pavements nor impede the wearer when walking.

The pianos and organs used in the public schools of Boston, as well as those of many families, are tuned by blind pupils from the Perkins Institute, who are found to be be capable of peculiar skill in that occupation. Their lack of sight makes them more dependent on hearing and the latter sense thereby gains in delicacy.

"Tom, you seem to gain flesh every day. The grocery business must agree with you. What did you weigh last?" "Well, Jim, I really forget now; but it strikes me it was a pound of butter."

The Danbury man has been informed and he believes that hugging a girl in a perfect fitting corset is like putting your arms around a cold parlor stove.

"We All Do Fade as a Leaf."

Falling all around,
Floods of wondrous glory,
Silent as the snow flakes,
Breathing each a story;
Like a shower of sunbeams
In the autumn mellow,
Fall the leaves of crimson,
Russet, brown and yellow.

Sobbing out low music,
When the wind is sighing,
At the thought so mournful
That the year is dying;
E'en the leaves are fading;
With the thought comes sadness.
Ah! my spirit longs
For that land of gladness.

For the golden pavement;
For the flowers immortal;
Fain my feet would press
Toward the pearly portal.
Falling all around
Floods of wondrous glory,
All things here must fade—
This is the leaflet's story.

CHESS.

Tradition has it that the man who invented the game of chess so pleased the king of the country in which he lived that his majesty called his subject to him and said: "I am greatly pleased with your invention. It is a most wonderful game, and I wish to reward you. Ask of me any favor and I will grant it, though it costs me a fortune." "Then," said the man, as he laid the chess board before the king, "I would simply ask your majesty to place one grain of wheat on the first square of this board, two on the second, and so on, doubling the number of grains on each square." The king said to him that he would like very much to give him something valuable, but as all he wanted was a few grains of wheat he should have them. The reader will now figure up the number of bushels the witty chess man would receive, allowing half a million grains to the bushel.

Few people have the least idea of the enormous amounts involved in a problem of this kind, which is known to mathematicians as a geometrical progression. Take the above example. There are 64 squares on a chess board which require the doubling on each of 63 squares of the number of grains on the next preceding square. Foot up the amounts thus obtained, and divide by half a million to get the bushels, and the result will be over fifty trillions, or to be exact, 50,860,705,225,565 bushels, worth at $1.80 per bushel $91,565,466,450,617, or comparatively speaking not far from $100,000,000,000.

TELL YOUR WIFE.

If you are in any trouble or quandary, tell your wife—that is, if you have one—all about it at once. Ten to one her invention will solve your difficulty sooner than all your logic. The wit of woman has been praised, but her instincts are quicker and keener than her reason. Counsel with your wife, or your mother, or sister, and be assured light will flash upon your darkness. Women are too commonly adjudged verdant in all but purely womanish affairs. No philosophical students of the sex thus judge them. Their intuitions, or insights, are the most subtle, and if they cannot see a cat in the meal, there is no cat there. I advise a man to keep none of his affairs a secret from his wife. Many a home has been happily saved, and many a fortune retrieved, by a man's full confidence in his wife. Woman is far more a seer and a prophet than man, if she be given a chance. As a general rule, wives confide the minutest of their plans and thoughts to their husbands. Why not reciprocate, if but for the pleasure of meeting confidence with confidence? I am certain no man succeeds so well in the world as he who, taking a partner for life, makes her the partner of his purposes and hopes. What is wrong of his impulse or judgment, she will check and set right with her almost universally right instincts. And what she most craves and most deserves is confidence, without which, love is never free from a shadow.

RHEUMATISM AMONG FARMERS.—There is a good deal too much carelessness generally among farmers with regard even to ordinary precautions for the preservation of their health, and yet, after all, there is scarcely any class to whom sickness and disease is more irksome and inconvenient. Rheumatism is frequent among them, because they heat and suddenly chill the body, over-eat after very hard work, and because they do not keep the skin in a clean and healthy condition. If farmers would avoid suddenly cooling the body after great exertion, if they would be careful not to go with wet clothing and wet feet and if they would not overeat when in an exhausted condition, and bathe daily, using much friction, they would have less rheumatism.—*Rural New Yorker.*

LIQUID SHOE BLACKING.—The following is commended by excellent authority as giving a gloss like patent leather, being water proof and not soiling ladies' white dresses: Dissolve half a pound of shellac in alcohol; it dissolves slowly, but cork the bottle well, keep in a warm place and shake often. Then add a piece of camphor the size of a hen's egg, shake well, and after it is dissolved add one ounce of lampblack. If the alcohol is strong enough all will be dissolved and ready for use in two days. If it is too thick add alcohol. It dries in five minutes and does not make the leather hard, as it does not penetrate but remains on the surface.

OLD WHEAT MAKES A SPEECH.—I was made to be eaten, and not to be drank; to be thrashed in a barn, not soaked in a tank; I come as a blessing when put through a mill, as a blight and a curse when run through a still. Make me up into loaves and your children are fed, but if unto a drink I will starve them instead. Then remember the warning, my strength I'll employ, if eaten to strengthen, if drank, to destroy.

A little girl in Clinton, Ill., was teaching her little brother the Lord's Prayer the other night, and, when she had said, "Give us this day our daily bread," he suddenly called out: "Pray for syrup, too, sister; pray for syrup, too!"

A Portsmouth undertaker, being dunned by a man who had a very sick wife, said: "Oh, let the account stand. You'll be wanting something in my line pretty soon, if you have good luck."

Suspend a sweet potato in a jar of water so that half the potato is in the water. It will sprout luxuriantly, and you may train the vines about your windows during the winter.

Many a man has ruined his sight by sitting in a bar-room looking for work.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1877.

THE Third National Bank of Chicago suspended on Wednesday and will go into liquidation. This is one of the oldest Banks in the city, and it has liabilities of nearly three million dollars.

THREE Banks in Reading, Penn., closed their doors last Friday. They were all private institutions, but one of them had deposits exceeding a million dollars, much of it the savings of the poorer classes.

THE central point of the recent earthquakes is said to have been a small volcano, but little known, up in Northeastern Nebraska, which has been showing increased signs of activity lately. A Congressional committee, or, better still, the entire House should be sent out to sit upon it. They would smother it.

POSTAL Cards are a thorn in the flesh to the fine paper manufacturers of Holyoke, who think the public very niggardly to use them so extensively. But the fact is, the public cares a great deal more for its own convenience than it does for the interests of the paper manufacturers, and will probably keep right on using them.

OUR councilor-elect, Tilly Haynes, of Springfield, has got to pay a Philadelphia firm $3500 for a valise of jewelry which was stolen from the Haynes House cloak room while he was proprietor of the house. The firm sued for $10,000, and the jury returned a verdict as above, in the U. S. District Court at Boston Wednesday.

FOR the first time since March 3, 1861, the Democrats in the United States Senate on Wednesday gained a majority, carrying by a vote of 30 to 29 a motion to go into executive session on the credentials of M. C. Butler of South Carolina. They hope now to admit him to the Senate, but his record is likely to get a pretty good airing and it is doubtful about his getting in.

FIVE maimed Union soldiers were on Monday removed from their positions by the Doorkeeper of the House at Washington, and ablebodied young Democrats appointed to their places. The displaced soldiers had been retained through all recesses for several years, by vote of both parties, but the Democratic reform spirit could brook their presence no longer, and they had to go.

A MINNESOTA physician claims to have lived forty-two days without food, taking a walk every day and a swallow of water whenever inclination prompted. On the last day of his fast he had lost eighteen pounds, but felt well and strong enough for a two weeks' longer pull. But he didn't save anything by his experiment, for after eating sparingly at first he had to blunt the edge of an enormous appetite.

GEN. GARFIELD made a speech on the resumption question in the House the other day in which he utterly routed the soft money men, so far as logic and a clear presentation of facts and historical precedents can do it. It was simply unanswerable, and will well repay careful perusal. The only trouble is, that the anti-resumptionists are not open to argument or reason, but are determined to perpetuate the evils of an irredeemable paper currency indefinitely, sink or swim.

WE print on our fourth page to-day the result of the official examination of the New York Life Insurance Company, which, after undergoing the severe test of having all its assets appraised at the present market value, shows a surplus of about $6,000,000, or nearly one-fifth of the whole "admitted assets" of the company—a showing that is specially noteworthy and gratifying in these days when so many weaker companies are collapsing, and which reflects great credit upon its management.

THE Pittsburg Grand Jury, which has been investigating the July riots in that city, has made rather a startling presentment, assailing the State authorities bitterly, and charging the whole responsibility for the disorders upon the civil and military authorities, pronouncing the acts of the militia unlawful and unjustifiable, and declaring the killing of persons in the mob by the soldiers to be murder. In fact, one might infer from reading their report that it was written bp some of the rioters themselves.

NEXT Thursday comes our annual Thanksgiving day, with its happy greetings, joyful family reunions, and general good cheer and feasting. There is special cause for hearty thanksgiving this year, for the earth has bountifully rewarded the labors of the husbandmen; all the storehouses are full, and peace and plenty prevail throughout the land. So let the day be observed with joy and gladness, and let every heart send up songs of grateful praise to the Giver of all good, remembering, too, that "he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he."

SENATOR Sumner's reputation for truth and veracity, which had been lately impugned by ex-President Grant and Hamilton Fish, his Secretary of State, has been completely vindicated by the U. S. Senate, which on Wednesday removed the injunction of secrecy imposed upon its executive journal so far as to show the facts in the case. Mr. Fish recently enumerated nine treaties which he said Mr. Sumner had "pigeon-holed" in his committee-room, and said they were acted upon after Sumner had been deposed from his chairmanship, whereas Mr. Sumner had stated that he left but one treaty unreported at that time. The records of the Senate show that Mr. Sumner's statement was true, and Mr. Fish is left in a decidedly unpleasant predicament. The delay on the treaties was on the part of the Senate, as they were reported promptly by the committee.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

Col. Henry R. Sibley, the Boston forger, has been sentenced to four years in the State Prison.

The son of the County Treasurer of Laporte county, Indiana, has stolen $20,000 of the public funds.

Two men fell overboard from a tug off Watch Hill, Saturday, while fooling, and one of them was drowned.

The first of the season—Mike Goff, a lad of 11, broke through the ice on a pond at Easthampton and was drowned Thursday.

Van Dyke, who killed his wife near Ogdensburg last July, will be hung at Canton December 21. He is nineteen years old.

Mrs. Lingfeet, wife of a merchant at Marne, Ia., threw herself and infant child into a deep well Saturday, and when recovered both were dead.

A runaway horse at Manayunk, Pa., Saturday, ran into a crowd of children, knocking several of them down and injuring them, one of them fatally.

A man named Miller shot and killed Robert Chasteen at a singing school near Deputy, Ind., last Friday, for courting his sister against his wishes.

The British steamer Strathtay, laden with grain for Scotland, has been lost on the island of Miquelon, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence; all hands saved; loss $216,000.

Asa Magoon, who killed the old man Streeter at Barre, Vt., in October, 1875, was sentenced last Saturday to be hanged on the fourth Friday of November, 1879.

A train on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad was thrown from the track Saturday night, below Harrisburg, Va., by obstructions, and the engineer and fireman were killed.

It is a hard matter to convict a woman. The jury in the case of Cora Young, on trial at Auburn, N. Y., for shooting her paramour, brought in a verdict of acquittal Saturday.

Gill, a Pittsburg lawyer, has absconded, after robbing his clients and estates left with him in trust. The extent of his embezzlements is estimated at half a million dollars.

Mrs. Geo. Davis of Chillicothe, O., left her infant alone in the house last Friday, and when she returned found it burned to a crisp, a spark from the fire having ignited its clothes.

During the services in the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia, Sunday morning, a miscreant walked up the aisle and shot his wife fatally in the back. They had not lived together for two years.

John W. Booth, an ex-agent of the Adams Express Company of Hartford, Ct., was arrested Saturday on the charge of misappropriating funds belonging to the company, amounting to $22,387.

Jacob Parker, a farmer of Minnaville, N. Y., was found murdered Saturday night near the village. He was known to have $200, which is missing. Samuel Johnson (colored) has been arrested on suspicion.

Tellis Blanchette, a Chesterfield Frenchman, shot himself fatally Sunday. It is reported that he had had improper intercourse with the wife of a respectable farmer, and was driven to suicide through remorse or fear of discovery.

Orlando Abbott and wife of North Andover, while driving across the Boston & Maine Railroad track in Lawrence Tuesday were struck by a locomotive and instantly killed; the horse was also killed and the engine thrown from the track.

S. King, a dry goods dealer at Holyoke, has sued S. J. Jacobs, a clothier, for $10,000 damages for the seduction of his (King's) wife. All the parties are Israelites. The defence will be that Mrs. King, upon whose confession the case rests, is insane.

Three young Pittsfield girls left their homes last Friday and no traces of their whereabouts could be found until Tuesday, when one of them returned home and told their story. They had been at a hotel in the town from Friday until Monday, and had been the victims of half a dozen young men, some of them partners in prominent mercantile firms there. Monday night they were shipped to North Adams, where they were found, and now the young men wish to settle the affair by paying money.

FIRES.—Border City Mill No. 1 at Fall River was burned Saturday morning; loss $450,000.——Fort Edward Institute, at Fort Edward, N. Y., was burned Monday evening, the 200 students having barely time to escape, and most of them lost their clothing and money. Loss $125,000; insured for $90,000.——Three colored children were roasted to death by the burning of a house near Norfolk, Va., last week.——The extensive rubber works of L. Candee & Co. in New Haven, Ct., were destroyed by fire Monday evening. Prominent officials of the Fire Department were inspecting the new fire extinguishers in the building when the flames broke out, compelling a hasty flight. Five persons were injured, and the loss reaches about $500,000. The factory employed 500 girls and 300 men. The company have leased an idle rubber factory at Middletown and will run a special train between there and New Haven for their employes.——There was a $126,000 fire in New York Wednesday evening.——Rawitzer Bros'. shoddy mill at Stafford was burned Thursday evening; loss $15,000. No insurance.

A. T. Stewart's hotel for women in New York will be opened about New Years. It has a capacity for 1000 guests. It is not a charitable institution, but will be open to all women of good character at about $5 per week for board and lodging. One floor will furnish entire meals at cost to persons desiring to take food home, and all food will be of the choicest kind, only the best cooks being employed. It is not expected that the institution will be self-supporting.

Miss Carrie Bassett recovers $3500 and costs from a school district in Gowanda, N. Y., for a dislocated kneepan, caused by a defective board in the floor of the school room where she taught two years ago. The district carried the case from court to court, and will now have to pay over $6000 expenses incurred, in addition to the original verdict.

Careful estimates now make the direct flood losses in Stafford about $131,000, the dam loss being $40,000, town and borough $16,000, mill and machinery $10,000, private losses $65,000. The Hollow meadows, supposed to be ruined, prove to have been generally benefitted, only a few acres being spoiled.

The venerable John J. Brown, well known by his "bronchial troches," is the oldest druggist in Boston, having celebrated his eighty-seventh birthday on Oct. 31.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Text for Thanksgiving—Psalm 41 : 1.

Splendid moonlight evenings this week.

The thermometer is growing low spirited.

S. R. Lawrence has three good tenements to rent.

Turkeys are beginning to roost high—and with good reason.

Go to church on Sunday and hear the Thanksgiving proclamation read.

The sun gets through in nine hours and a half now, and calls it a day's work.

Revival services are being held twice daily at the Catholic church at Thorndike.

The latest notion for fairs is to fill a bottle with beans, and guess at the number.

A hungry guest in this village called for some "frescoed" chicken the other day.

There was a good smart thunder storm in the early hours of Sunday morning—rather a novelty in November.

Bunches of miniature lemons are now worn on ladies' hats and bonnets. Turnips and cabbages will be next in order.

One of our business men lost $38 from his vest pocket the other day, and the finder hasn't yet advertised for an owner for it.

In the intermediate school at Three Rivers, Alva S. Davis, Willie Graves and Ernest Lord were not absent during the term.

The thrifty housewife is now economically feeding her family with "picked-up" messes, as a prelude to the Thanksgiving feast.

There was a windy wind last Sunday, and many people staid away from church for fear the steeple might blow over, you know.

Dr. J. L. Maloney makes a change of base this week, and North Adams will hereafter have the benefit of his professional services.

Union services will be held at the Methodist church at Four Corners Thanksgiving day, Rev. Philip Berry preaching the sermon.

The A. O. H. wish their friends to bear in special remembrance the annual Thanksgiving ball next Wednesday evening at Wales Hall.

The town meeting Monday voted to build a new poor house on the site of the old one recently burned. The cost is not to exceed $3000.

Otis Griffin shot a large specimen of a mouse hawk on Tuesday, and is having it stuffed. These hawks are rarely found hereabouts.

Chickens are selling for 18 cents and turkeys for 18 and 20. Eggs are scarce, fresh ones from the farmers being quoted at 30 cents and the barreled ones at 28 per dozen.

Martha S. Fox has sold to Richard Stacy of Monson a lot on Fox Avenue in this village for $300; and Mary S. Murdock has sold a lot in Thorndike to Honora McAuliffe for $1600.

When a young lady hems a handkerchief for a bachelor, she probably sews that she may reap. Contributed by a young woman who wants to send a marked copy of this paper to the bachelor.

We learn by telephone that a detachment of the Robyourhenroost tribe of Indians has escaped from the Chicken Territory, and—you'd better lock up your hen-house until after Thanksgiving.

The following jurymen have been drawn for the U. S. Court at Boston: Grand Jury—P. W. Webster, Dwight M. Chapman, Hubbard Lawrence, B. F. Clark; Petit—D. B. Bishop, Barney Gallegher.

In the grammar school at Three Rivers, during the term just closed, twenty-seven pupils have not been tardy, and the following three have not been tardy or absent: Mascal Lord, Charlie Decie, Peter McLeod.

Mark Noble of Monson has bought the right to use Farnham's steam feather bed renovator for this vicinity, and has put his boiler and machine into the shop at Tenneyville, where he is prepared to receive orders.

Dresses are now made with a hollow pocket, through which the train may be drawn, thus enabling a lady to carry her dress, or at least her train, in her pocket, much to her own comfort and the relief of gentlemen.

About forty of the children from the State Primary School, accompanied by some of the teachers and officers, went to Enfield Thursday afternoon to give an entertainment.—Cushman's "bus" carried the children, and a jolly load it was.

The Boston & Albany Railroad now have nothing but coal-burning locomotives, the last wood-burner, the Huron, having been changed. The oldest locomotive on the road, the Florida, has been broken up this week, after nearly 35 years' service.

W. H. Hitchcock, the stove-man, has removed to his new building on Church street, at the head of Main, and one or two other removals are expected about January 1st.——Wilcox, the photographer, has removed his car to Three Rivers.

There have been special religious services at the Methodist church at Four Corners during the week, with increasing interest. Rev. Mr. Johnson will preach in his church next Sabbath evening, and will probably continue some extra meetings next week.

Donnelly & Markham's minstrels gave a performance at Liberty hall, Collins' Depot, Thursday evening, concluding with a dance, in which Nellie Ferris took the prize of a silver cup as the best dancer. The company are coming to Palmer after Thanksgiving.

After a service of seven years as one of the directors of the Masonic Mutual Relief Association of Massachusetts, A. B. Cowan has been re-elected for a term of three years to that office, and Dr. Wm. Holbrook has received the appointment of examining surgeon for three years in the same association.

The Wales coach, drawn by four horses and driven by J. W. Weeks, took a merry party of young ladies and gents to the social of the Young People's Society Wednesday evening, and they enjoyed the ride as much as any of the patrons of the famous "Pelham coach" over which New Yorkers made so much ado.

Now that the weather necessitates good warm fires, stove pipes, chimneys and the like should be well looked after. Up in the Vermont town of Lyndon the village engineers lately found 23 unsafe stove pipes and 33 places where people kept ashes in barrels in or near their premises. An ounce of prevention is worth a good many pounds of cure.

A Pittsfield clergyman announced last Sabbath that he should read no notices from the pulpit hereafter; his people would find the "bulletin board" after that date in the vestibule. It is well enough to announce the different church meetings from the pulpit, but the miscellaneous advertising sometimes done in that way detracts materially from the dignity of the place.

The mail agents on the railroads will appear after Jan. 1st in double breasted navy blue sack coats, with two rows of brass buttons, single breasted vests, having six buttons, navy blue pants with a welt, probably of yellow cord, one-quarter of an inch wide, and the regulation navy cap. It is understood that the letters R. M. S.—railway mail service—in silver will appear on the front of the caps.

Passengers alighting at this station from western trains sometimes find their approach to the waiting rooms barred by an almost impenetrable line of porters, hackmen, etc., who take their stand on the front edge of the platform and present an unbroken front to those who approach. There is evidently need of some fresh paint on those lines which were once so carefully drawn for the protection of the innocent "passengaire."

The village schools closed for their Thanksgiving vacation on Tuesday. In Miss Wallis's department six scholars were neither absent nor tardy during the term: Anna Breckenridge, Georgie Edgerton, Robbie Fullerton, Henry Loomis, Emma Manchester, Nellie O'Brien. Miss Newell's school was much broken by the ravages of diphtheria, eight of her 56 pupils falling victims to the disease, and many others being kept from school for fear of taking it, so that Ida King was the only pupil neither absent or tardy.

Earl Grey Baldwin is to maintain order and a proper respect for Cushing's manual in the Lyceum for the month to come, the remainder of the old board of officers being re-elected. An affecting tribute was paid to the retiring president by Hon. C. L. Gardner, and then it was decided after a hearty discussion that our standing army was none too large for our needs. At the next meeting, Dec. 6th, the question of the advisability of annexation of all British provinces north of us will be decided.

The Industrial Fair of the Young People's Society last week was a success socially and financially, about $75 being taken. The "industrial" part of the fair was a novelty, and consisted of four neatly arranged tables covered with fancy and useful articles, orders being taken by the young ladies in charge for the making of duplicates. The supper was served by another committee, and put over 100 persons in excellent humor for the literary exercises—tableaux, music, acting charades, etc., which elicited constant applause. The young people are arranging for another fair about Christmas time, when still better things may be expected.

Not more than 300 persons enjoyed the music of Amos Whiting's chorus Tuesday evening, although the fame of the chorus and the exceedingly low prices ought to have filled the house. Miss Webster showed endurance as well as skill in furnishing piano accompaniment for the programme. Mr. Trask was loudly encored, as were also Miss McLean and Miss Louise Dickinson. All the pieces sung by the chorus gave evidence of the careful training of Mr. Whiting, "John Brown" and "A. B. C's." being especially noticed by the audience. After the concert the singers had a supper at the Nassowanno House, returning to Springfield on the owl train.

Have any of our lady readers a corset liver? It is a solemn and momentous question, and will doubtless be so regarded by the gentler sex, and it is only an overpowering sense of duty which leads us to speak on so delicate a topic. But as all the ladies may not know what a corset liver is, we will state for their edification that when tight lacing has been practiced for several years a permanent dent or hollow is produced in the liver, giving it this name. This kind of liver occurs frequently in women, and the other day some medical students (not hereabouts, but way out West,) found one in a female subject they were dissecting, the hollow being large enough for the wrist of a grown man to be laid in it. So if young ladies don't want their livers put in the newspapers and made terrible examples of, they had better take warning. But we don't suppose there's a young lady in the whole town guilty of tight lacing!

Diphtheria is still finding fresh victims, and as anything touching upon the dread disease, which has been so prevalent and fatal, cannot fail to be interesting, we give the following, from a correspondent of an English paper: "Should you or any of your family be attacked with diphtheria do not be alarmed, as it is easily and speedily cured without a doctor. When it was raging in England a few years ago, I accompanied Dr. Field on his rounds to witness the so-called 'wonderful cures' he performed, while the patients of others were dropping on all sides. The remedy, to be so rapid, must be simple. All he took with him was powder of sulphur and a quill, and with these he cured every patient without exception. He put a teaspoonful of flour of brimstone into a wine-glass of water, and stirred it with his finger instead of a spoon, as the sulphur does not readily amalgamate with water. When the sulphur was well mixed he gave it as a gargle, and in ten minutes the patient was out of danger. Brimstone kills every species of fungus in man, beast and plant in a few minutes. Instead of spitting out the gargle, he recommended the swallowing of it. In extreme cases, in which he had been called just in the nick of time, when the fungus was too nearly closing to allow the gargling, he blew the sulphur through a quill into the throat, and after the fungus had shrunk to allow of it, then the gargling. He never lost a patient from diphtheria. If a patient cannot gargle, take a live coal, put it on a shovel, and sprinkle a spoonful or two of flour of brimstone at a time upon it, let the sufferer inhale it, holding the head over it, and the fungus will die. If plentifully used, the whole room may be filled almost to suffocation; the patient can walk about in it, inhaling the fumes, with doors and windows shut. The mode of fumigating a room with sulphur has often cured most violent attacks of cold in the head, chest, etc., at any time, and is recommended in cases of consumption and asthma."

AN ELOPEMENT AND MARRIAGE.

It has been said that the course of true love never runs smooth, and it is equally true that love laughs at all hindrances and generally attains its object. The truth of this saying has received a fresh illustration this week in our midst. For some time past Miss Cora Leach, a bright and interesting young lady of 17, and daughter of S. Leach of this place, has been receiving attentions from a young gentleman from Springfield, and for a while all went well, until a rival appeared upon the scene in the person of Mr. John Shaw, a young man from Monson, who speedily won her heart. But rumor says that her parents approved the suit of her Springfield admirer, and the bright sky of the lovers' future was somewhat clouded in consequence. But, as is always the case, opposition only served to fan the flame which was already burning brightly. Last Sabbath the Springfield suitor visited and attended church with his fair inamorata, who during the day managed to have a little interview with the idol of her heart, (both of them attending the Baptist church in this place), when the plans for their elopement were doubtless perfected. On Wednesday evening there was a social at the Baptist church, and Miss Cora was present, with her parents, in excellent spirits. Young Mr. Shaw did not put in an appearance, but was conveniently near, it would seem, for in course of the evening Miss Cora disappeared. Not returning, and being unable to learn anything of her whereabouts, her father finally started in his team for Mr. Shaw's home in Monson to see if he could learn anything there, and while in the house in walked the young couple, who announced to the astonished parents that they were married. Neither party is of age, but as Mr. Shaw is a worthy young man and it was purely a love match, nothing is likely to be done about it but to gracefully accept the inevitable.

DEATH OF A. R. MURDOCK.

Abraham R. Murdock, who died at Thorndike village last Sunday, was one of the oldest settlers of the town, and from a young man till venerable with years well filled his post as a useful and respected citizen. Mr. Murdock came to Palmer from Belchertown, his native place being Uxbridge. For many years he was a prominent schoolmaster, teaching in Monson, Sturbridge, Belchertown and Palmer, in all twenty-nine winters, and it is related of him that he always used to take part with his boys in snow-balling and other sports and though many of them were larger than he, when school began he had no difficulty in governing them. He always had large schools, one of which in this town numbered 77 pupils. Mr. Murdock was a justice of the peace for some forty years, during which time he married forty-four couples and did a good deal of legal business. He was also an auctioneer for most of the time he lived in Palmer. During his life in Belchertown he was captain of the military company of that town. In this town he was twenty years assessor, and understood the worth and location of all property better than any other man in Palmer. In his later years, when enfeebled by age, he took the "baby census" regularly every summer. In politics he was a Jeffersonian democrat, adhering firmly to his faith through all the political changes of more than sixty years. He had 9 children, only 5 of whom are now living. His age was 84.

GRANBY.

Mrs. Sidney Bartlett, who was struck on the head by a burglar last July and has since been out of health, cut her throat dangerously last Saturday.

THORNDIKE.

Clark & Hastings have put in their meat market at Thorndike two hogs, 17 months old, raised and fatted by Silas Billings of Ludlow, that weighed 1017 pounds, or 511 and 506 pounds each. Next!

BRIMFIELD.

The funeral of the late Miss Lizzie Blair took place Tuesday afternoon, at the residence of her father on Western Avenue, and the house was crowded with mourning relatives and friends who had gathered to pay their last respects to the remains of their once dear and loving friend. INDEX.

LUDLOW.

James White will build an addition of 75 feet to his barn next spring.

Walter S. Miller of Springfield has sold some land in Ludlow to John Miller for $300.

At a meeting of the Congregational society Monday evening, it was voted to reduce the pastor's salary $200, and to take enough money from the fund to pay the parish debt.

BONDVILLE.

The following scholars in this village have been neither absent nor tardy during the term just closed: Intermediate school—Ella Carmody, Katie Donahue, Johanna Shea, Willie Merrill, Michael Slattery; Primary school—Harry Ryther, Johnnie Fitzgerald, Eclid Bouregard, Filiose Bouregard, Mamie Sullivan, Maggie Shea.

WILBRAHAM.

The hook and ladder truck house is nearly finished.

The fall term of the Academy closed with an interview Tuesday night, and nearly all the students have left.

The large spire of the new church is finished and the little spire raised. The chapel is to be finished by Christmas. The work on the horse-sheds commenced Wednesday.

WALES.

E. Shaw has raised his so-called Shaw's block up three feet, thereby preventing the water flooding the tin shop and meat market, as it was accustomed to do at very high water.

The Wales mill, run by J. A. Smith of Rockville, Ct., has shut down, the help refusing to work longer without pay. He owes them for three months' labor, and no signs of paying caused the trouble.

ENFIELD.

The chandelier in the Congregational chapel fell Monday evening, breaking the lamps, but the presence of mind of the sexton prevented any further casualty than the charring of the floor.

The dry house of the Minot Manufacturing Co. was burned Thursday noon, with its contents of 1600 yards of cloth, and an adjoining building was saved only by hard work. The loss is $4500, with but little insurance.

WEST WARREN.

Dwight Ellis, who has been for 60 years a resident, moves to Westboro.

The ladies of the West Warren Methodist society gave a public supper in Crossman's Hall Tuesday evening, clearing over $50.

Lewis Dankoff is building a new barn 45 x 40 feet, on the Ware road, to replace one recently destroyed by an incendiary fire.

The road commissioners have surveyed the dangerous bank near Patrick O'Gorman's house on the Warren road, and will make an estimate for putting in a substantial wall and railing. Meanwhile a temporary railing is being put up.

MONSON.

W. G. Meacham has disposed of a thousand bushels of potatoes brought from Vermont.

The interview at the academy at the close of the term Tuesday evening was largely attended, and numerous signs, barber's poles, etc., were promiscuously strewn around and made to adorn other localities than their former spheres of usefulness.

John Anthony interviewed Samuel Wallace last Saturday evening to the extent of biting out a piece of Sam's lip some two or three inches long and one-fourth of an inch wide, and John is in jail awaiting trial next Monday. Sam's other injuries are quite serious and it is feared he may never recover.

BELCHERTOWN.

Melvill Ayers has bought the place formerly owned by Mr. Charles Hunter, at a cost of $1350.

Prof. Belcher of Boston gave a stereopticon exhibition at the town hall last Wednesday evening. The exhibition was considered by all present to be very fine.

A mad dog owned by Orrin Jepson left his home last Sunday, and did not return until Wednesday, when the owner at once put an end to his existence with a revolver. The dog had been to Granby and bitten several other dogs, among others one owned by Dexter Barnes, of considerable value as a hunting dog.

Mr. O. H. Hamilton, leader of the Methodist choir, will give a concert in the Methodist church next Wednesday evening, Nov. 28th. Prof. Tyler of North Brookfield will assist at the concert, and the cornet band will favor us with some nice music. Refreshments will be served in the vestry to all who desire them after the concert.

WARREN.

The Catholic fair netted $1000.

Rev. F. S. Heyden of Boston preaches at the Cong. church Sunday.

The high school closes next Tuesday for two weeks. The other schools will begin the 2d prox.

John Willey has started for New Orleans with William Hitchcock, to sell a patent spring bed, having bought the right to sell in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Rev. F. Nichols is president, E. F. Strickland vice president, Editor Goodhue, of the *Herald*, secretary, and Joshua Moody treasurer, of the debating society, which now numbers 20.

Quaboag Lodge of Masons has these officers: W. M., L. L. Gage; S. W., W. P. Canning; J. W., T. H. Jones; treasurer, B. A. Tripp; secretary, W. H. Shepard; chaplain, Rev. F. Nichols; marshal, E. F. Strickland; S. D., H. W. Ward; J. D., G. O. Dow; tyler, S. W. Bridge. A public installation is held on the evening of Dec. 4.

WARE AND VICINITY.

Henry Barnes is building a cottage on West Main street.

Miss Mary Sagendorph left home for San Francisco last Friday.

C. A. Stevens & Co. will close their mill December 1st for one month.

A horseback party of six ladies and gentlemen from this place went to Wurren last Saturday evening.

The Ware Reform Club held an enthusiastic and successful temperance meeting at the Hardwick Mission school house last week Thursday evening. Brief speeches were made by members of the club and some others, and twenty-six signed the pledge.

The Otis Company have contracted with Messrs. Goodhue & Birney of Springfield to lay a wrought iron cement lined pipe from Howard's pond to their stockinet mill, to furnish water for a Ransome Condenser, which is being attached to their engine, also to feed their boilers.

King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter elected the following officers last week Thursday evening: Jerome Gates, H. P.; Addison Sandford, E. K.; J. W. Robinson, E. S.; J. L. Cowles, Treas.; B. F. Angell, Secy.; E. R. Foster, C. H.; A. Warburton, R. A. C.; J. E. Ripley, P. S.; H. O. Caryl, M. 3. V.; Thos. Renison, M. 2 V.; J. H. Cummings, M. 1 V.; Dr. C. Estes, Chap.; L. Taylor, Tyler.

During the heavy thunder storm which took place about three o'clock last Sunday morning, lightning struck Mrs. Hiram Johnson's house on North street, tearing away a large part of the roof directly over the bed upon which Mrs. Johnson and a little daughter were sleeping. The heavy rafters and plastering fell upon the bed, crushing it to the floor, but, strange to say, the occupants were not injured beyond a few bruises and scratches caused by the many splinters.

Mr. Edward N. Anderson, who has so faithfully and acceptably taught the grammar school in Ware village during the summer and fall terms, in consequence of impaired health has tendered his resignation, which the committee have with reluctance accepted. Mr. E. H. Vaughn of Greenwich, a teacher of experience and of good reputation, has been engaged to take charge of this school. There were 40 scholars the past term; average 36.11, Ida R. Naylor having the highest standing.

FACTS, FASHIONS AND FOIBLES.

—Boston has 300 female lecturers, etc.

—Clair-de-lune jewelry is the latest novelty.

—Newport, Ky., has a cow that eats chickens.

—Chicago has twelve notaries who are women.

—Seal-skin sacques are lower-priced than ever.

—Bridal veils are worn under the bridal helmet.

—Kaiser-red is one of the new shades in this color.

—Veil-pins in the shape of arrows are in great favor.

—Boas, made of feathers, are the novelty of the season.

—It costs this country $8,000,000 a year to paint its ladies.

—Gentlemen's vests are single breasted and without collars.

—Springfield is to have a skating rink the coming winter.

—There is an increasing mania for cobalt blue decorations.

—The Boston & Albany railroad uses 90 tons of coal per day.

—George William Curtis declines a proffered foreign mission.

—The spat of a single oyster is sufficient to populate an acre.

—The number of velocipedists in great Britain is about 60,000.

—Silver bangles, so long popular, are entirely out of fashion.

—Myrtle is the shade of dark green in greatest favor at present.

—A Chicago clergyman said last Sunday that no true woman would ever let a man put on her shoe.

—The New York Central Railroad has a locomotive that has run 70,000 miles without the slightest repairs.

—A Michigan undertaker is testing in the court his right to disinter a body to recover the unpaid-for coffin.

—The latest device for a gentleman's scarf-pin is a solid gold fork, bearing the monogram of the wearer on the handle.

—General Benjamin F. Butler has just passed his fifty-ninth birthday; but his years do not take his energy with them.

—The demand for ferns is so great that a woman near New York cultivates a fern farm, and it furnishes her a good living.

—A Kentucky farmer appropriates the yearly product of one acre of his farm to the purchase of reading matter for himself and family.

—Cocculus indicus, a virulent poison, is largely imported into this country, yet it is not known to be used in any manufacture except that of lager beer.

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MARRIED.

At Three Rivers, 17th, by Rev. Philip Berry, CHARLES RUSSELL and ELLEN PARROW, both of Three Rivers.
At Wales, 19th, by Rev. W. Phillips, HERBERT THAYER and Mrs. C. TARBELL, both of Wales.
At Ware, 22d, by Rev. Dr. Perkins, JOHN APPERSON and ELLEN KENNEDY, eldest daughter of Hugh Kennedy, Esq.
At Ware, 10th, by Rev. J. Peterson, FRANCIS L. BASSETT and MARY C. STRAHAN, both of Ware.
At Ware, 17th, by Rev. J. Peterson, ELIAS A. BASSETT and Mrs. HARRIET P. BRIDGE.
At Shelburne, 8th, by Rev. C. J. Mott, HENRY O. DRAPER of Ware and MARTHA A. SEVERANCE.

DIED.

At Thorndike, 18th, A. R. MURDOCK, 84.
At Three Rivers, 20th, CATHERINE MANNION, 50.
At Belchertown, 18th, PHILINDA DAVIS, 78.
At Monson, 20th, ARTHUR J., 19 months, son of Charles Underwood.
At Brimfield, 17th, of typhoid pneumonia, LIZZIE, 29, daughter of Dea. James Blair.
At Wilbraham, 16th, EDNA, 79, widow of Jeremiah Bumstead, formerly of Monson.
At Springfield, 18th, Mrs. BETHSHEBA S. STEDMAN, 83; 18th, JAMES C. GOODRICH, 32.
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MORTGAGEE'S SALE!

To John A. Elliott, or any other person interested in the following described tract of land:
This is to give notice that by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed, given by John A. Elliott to David Parker, dated February 29th, 1864, and recorded in Hampden county registry of deeds, book 224, page 32, which mortgage was assigned by said David Parker to Cyrus Fay by assignment dated April 2d, 1864, and recorded in said registry, book 224, page 33, and for breach of the conditions contained therein, will be sold at public auction, upon the premises in Brimfield, Mass., on Saturday, the fifteenth (15th) day of December next, at ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed and described as follows:
"A certain farm or tract of land situated in the southerly part of Brimfield, and being the same premises this day conveyed to me by David Parker, containing one hundred and sixty acres, be the same more or less, for a particular description of the same reference is hereby made to the deed of Orrin C. Andrews to said Parker, and recorded in the the registry of deeds for Hampden county, book 177, page 257, also the deed of John Shaw to said Parker, recorded in said registry, book 207, page 553." TERMS CASH.
BROOKSEY W. FAY,
Executrix of the will of Cyrus Fay,
Mortgagee.
Sturbridge, Mass., Nov. 10, 1877.
J. M. COCHRAN, Attorney,
3w34 Southbridge, Mass.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To all persons interested in the estate of Alice J. Hall, late of Monson, in said county, deceased, Greeting:
Whereas, George H. Newton, administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance the first account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased: You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be holden at Palmer, in said county, on the fourth Tuesday of November current at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed. And said Administrator is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week, in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper printed at Palmer, three weeks successively, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.
Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge said court, this seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.
3w33n SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

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Bide a Wee, and Dinna Fret.

Is the road very dreary?
Patience yet!
Rest will be sweeter if thou art a-weary,
And after night cometh the morning cheery,
Then bide a wee, and dinna fret.

The clouds have silver lining,
Don't forget;
And though he's hidden, still the sun is shining;
Courage! Instead of tears and vain repining,
Just bide a wee, and dinna fret.

With toils and cares unending
Art beset?
Bethink thee, how the storms from heaven descending—
Snap the swift oak, but spare the willow bending,
And bide a wee, and dinna fret.

Grief sharper sting doth borrow
From regret;
But yesterday is gone, and shall its sorrow
Unfit us for the present and the morrow?
Nay! bide a wee, and dinna fret.

An over-anxious brooding
Doth beget
A host of fears and fantasies deluding,
Then, brother, lest these torments be intruding,
Just bide a wee, and dinna fret.

HINTS TO HORSE OWNERS.

The reason why so many accidents occur from horses being frightened is owing to a want of the proper training of colts. Many valuable lives are lost every year from accidents caused from runaway horses; and it is a dictate of reason to guard against such accidents as much as possible. A writer who is well acquainted with the instincts of the horse, says:

If a horse is never allowed to get an advantage, it will never know that it possesses a power that man cannot control; and if made familiar with strange objects, it will not be skittish and nervous. If a horse is made accustomed from its early days, to have objects hit him on the heels, back and hips, he will pay no attention to the giving out of a harness, or to the wagon running against him at an unexpected moment. We once saw an aged lady drive a high-spirited horse, attached to a carriage, down a hill, with no hold-back straps upon the harness, and she assured us that there was no danger, for her son accustomed his horses to all kinds of sights and usages, that commonly drive the animal into a frenzy of fear and excitement. A gun can be fired from the back of a horse, an umbrella held over his head, a buffalo thrown over his neck, a railroad engine pass close by, his heels bumped with sticks, and the animal take it all as a natural condition of things, if only taught by careful management that he will not be injured thereby.

A STRANGE STORY.

Two singular incidents, which will furnish nuts to crack to believers in the supernatural, have recently come to light in England in regard to the recent loss of the Avalanche in the British channel. A lad who was a great friend of one of the apprentices who was lost made arrangements to accompany him down the channel and come ashore with the pilot, but at the last moment before sailing he was seized with such an undefinable and ungovernable misgiving that he declined to go, and thus escaped almost certain death. The apprentice who was lost had a retriever dog who was very fond of him, and which answered to a shrill dog-whistle which he carried. On the night of the shipwreck his mother and aunt were in the sitting room, and the dog in the kitchen. Between nine and ten o'clock the ladies were startled by hearing a shrill whistle up stairs, in sound resembling that of the dog-whistle used by the young man. The dog heard it also, gave his usual recognizing bark, and bounded up stairs, where he supposed his master was. The whistle was heard just about the time that the Avalanche went down, and it was heard by two credible witnesses, whose testimony was confirmed by the response made to it by the dog of the lost sailor.

A clergyman, a widower, with seven grown-up daughters, left home a few days ago for a neighboring city, and wrote back that he had some news which would surprise them—he had just married a widow with six children. The seven grown-up daughters had an awful time until he returned—alone. One of them mustered up courage to ask: "Where is our mother?" "In heaven, I hope." "But I mean the widow with six children that you married." "Oh, I married her to another man."

It was Louis XVIII who hit upon the best method of keeping peace with the Assembly. On the first of the month he said to his ministers: "Have you a majority in the Assembly?" "Yes." "Then I shall go out and take a walk." On the first of next month the same query received a negative. "Then," said the King, "it is time you walked. Get out." And a new Cabinet was appointed.

A teaspoonful or more of powdered borax thrown into the bath-tub while bathing will communicate a velvety softness to the water, and at the same time invigorate the bather; persons troubled with nervousness or wakeful nights, will find this kind of bath a great benefit.

"You must have lived here a long time," said a traveling Englishman to an Oregon pioneer. "Yes, sir, I have. Do you see that mountain? Well, when I came here that mountain was a hole in the ground." The Englishman opened his half-shut eyes.

To renew manuscripts, take a hair pencil and wash the part that has been defaced with a solution of prussiate of potash in water, and the writing will again appear, if the paper has not been destroyed.

When we have practiced good actions a good while, they become easy, and when they become easy we begin to take a pleasure in them, and when they please us we do them frequently. Form, then, the habit of doing good.

He who freely praises what he means to purchase, and he who enumerates the faults of what he has to sell, may set up a partnership with honesty.—*Lavater.*

REPORT

OF THE

Superintendent of the Insurance Department

OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

ON THE

EXAMINATION OF THE NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF NEW YORK CITY.

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, ALBANY, October 24th, 1877.

The superintendent having personally, and through the services of the Deputy Superintendent, aided by the force of the department, commenced and completed a searching examination into the affairs of the NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY of the City of New York, it affords him unqualified pleasure at being able to announce and make public the gratifying fact that the result of this examination is most satisfactory, and that, from the data in possession of the Department, the solvency of this, or other companies undergoing a similar test, can be readily ascertained, at little expense, for many years to come.

This Company was organized in 1845, and no investigation having been made, either by the Department or other properly constituted legal authority, prior to the date when the Department was formed, much time has necessarily been expended to bring the matter to a conclusion.

The services of forty-one gentlemen of character, standing and experience, have been procured, who have valued and appraised the property situated in forty counties in this State and in the State of New Jersey, covered by 2,629 mortgages amounting to the sum of $17,354,847.84, and forty-nine pieces of property owned by the Company amounting in value to the sum of $2,541,576.46; which services have been intelligently and efficiently performed. The abstracts of title to each and every piece of these large amounts of property have been closely examined and reported on to the satisfaction of the Superintendent. All other investments, amounting to $10,311,045.67, have been carefully looked into, and evidence of payment by the Company, either by check or otherwise, for such investments, demanded and given, although many of these payments were made twenty years ago. The cash securities of the Company, the cost of which on the books amounts to $9,730,529.91, are of the most unexceptionable character, and are worth $580,515.76 more than cost.

The Superintendent personally examined these securities, taking the letter, number, and denomination of each security, and preserving the record of the same in the Department. In every instance where securities had depreciated in value, such depreciation had been promptly charged to profit and loss account, and all items of doubtful character had been stricken off by the Company from its assets, and omitted from its reports. Complete seriatim lists of policies, premium loans, and uncollected and deferred premiums have been made, and are on file in the Department.

LIABILITIES.

Every item of liability, real and actual, or contingent, as sworn to by the officers in the last Annual Report made to the department, a copy of which is herein embraced, has been closely scrutinized, and the statements in said report found to be true to the letter, and no other liabilities were found to exist.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The different Departments—Medical, Actuarial and Agency—have been reviewed, with the most satisfactory results—gentlemen entirely competent and assiduous having been found in charge of each branch, to whose conduct and performance of their duties much is due.

Agents collecting funds of the Company at different points are held to a rigid accountability, remittances being required at the larger points tri-weekly, while at the smallest points settlements are not allowed to be delayed longer than one week. Bonds are required where the sums handled are sufficient to justify the same.

The system of book-keeping adopted by the Company, after many years of experience, seems to be perfect—the checks by one division on another being so complete, that no wrong can be done to policy-holders by false entries of any kind short of wide spread collusion among many employes, all of whom were found to be exceedingly courteous, and, acting under instructions from the principal officers of the Company, were prompt in furnishing full information as to every detail.

Judged by the hardest test that could be applied under the law, and with every doubtful item eliminated from their resources, the net surplus, as shown by the detailed statement of this Company, which follows, amounts to $5,962,878.79.

This exhibit clearly establishes the fact that where a Life Insurance Company is honestly, ably and prudently managed, there is no occasion to force a showing of solvency by including in its assets prospective value of real estate, and excesses of premium payments to be received.

For the reasons above given, the Superintendent has no hesitation in stating that this great Corporation is entitled to public confidence and its officers to his warmest commendation.

ASSETS.

Real Estate			$2,473,087.50
Bonds and Mortgages			17,205,232.84
Stocks, Bonds, etc., owned by the Company:	*Cost Value.*	*Market Value.*	
Merchants Bank, N. Y., stock	$15,758.75	$16,100.00	
Bank of America, N. Y., stock	8,484.00	10,164.00	
Bank of the Republic, N. Y., stock	1,470.00	1,470.00	
American Exchange Bank, N. Y., stock	10,125.00	10,500.00	
Metropolitan Bank, N. Y., stock	5,381.25	6,400.00	
United States Bonds	3,732,113.97	3,892,763.34	
Central Park Loan	25,233.75	26,750.00	
Delaware and Hudson Canal Co., stock	44,800.00	44,800.00	
Delaware and Hudson Canal Co., bonds	400,000.00	400,000.00	
New York Street-Opening bonds	549,987.10	576,110.00	
New York County Bounty bonds	41,104.00	42,000.00	
New York City consolidated bonds	645,596.25	745,875.00	
New York County consolidated bonds	113,928.75	131,625.00	
New York City (Morrisania & West Farms) bonds	60,000.00	60,000.00	
New York Central and Hudson River R. R. bonds	1,019,382.50	1,170,000.00	
New York and Harlem R. R. bonds	1,074,075.00	1,178,333.33	
Brooklyn City bonds	983,144.80	1,024,700.00	
Jersey City bonds	442,425.00	450,590.00	
Yonkers Town bonds	178,479.16	183,700.00	
Newark City bonds	129,875.00	131,210.00	
Flushing Water bonds	77,600.00	80,000.00	
Rensselaer and Saratoga R. R. bonds	9,519.92	10,155.00	
Eastchester bonds	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Richmond City bonds	46,250.00	56,500.00	
Tennessee bonds	8,000.00	8,000.00	
Georgia bonds	2,730.00	3,500.00	
Alabama bonds	15,840.00	15,840.00	
South Carolina bonds	8,960.00	8,960.00	
Mississippi warrants	15,285.71	20,000.00	
Totals	$9,730,529.91	$10,311,045.67	10,311,045.67
Premium Notes and Loans			$781,585.39
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies			1,427,933.18
Interest due and accrued on Bonds and Mortgages			224,052.75
Interest due and accrued on Stocks and Bonds			42,320.39
Interest due and accrued on Premium Notes and Loans			25,709.37
Rents due and accrued			8,476.17
Premiums due and unreported		$125,027.15	
Premiums deferred		432,695.40	
Total		$557,722.55	
Deduct 20 per cent. estimated cost of collecting above		111,544.51	
Net amount			$446,178.04
Total admitted Assets			$32,945,621.20
ITEMS NOT ADMITTED:			
Agents' Balances		$36,154.19	
Cost value of Real Estate over present appraised values		68,488.96	
Loans on Mortgage in excess of present value		149,605.00	
Total			$254,248.15
Total Gross Assets			**$33,199,869.45**

LIABILITIES.

Death Losses and Matured Endowments not due	$418,393.19
Death Losses and Claims resisted	97,200.00
Premiums paid in advance	17,038.32
Estimated liability on Lapsed Policies	10,000.00
Net Re-insurance Reserve	26,440,111.00
Total Liabilities	$26,982,742.51
Surplus as regards policy-holders, on the basis of admitted assets as determined by this report	5,962,878.79
Surplus as regards policy-holders on the basis of total assets, as reported by the Company	6,217,126.94
Estimated Surplus of Tontine policy-holders included in the above	517,504.84

JOHN F. SMYTH, Superintendent.

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See how they come from far and near,
A troop of "carpet-baggers,"
To grace the board with one accord,
And appetites like daggers.

Who cares for Turkish war abroad?
Who cares for serf or Czar?
Our turkey lies before our eyes;
Come and attack—hurrah!
With knife and fork we win the day,
A truce to care and sorrow!
Eat while we may, Thanksgiving day
Will fade before to-morrow.

We're thankful for a host of things
Too numerous to mention:
For sweethearts true and hearts to woo,
And all things worth attention.
For all and every thing that gives
Our lives so much of pleasure
We offer thanks. Long may we taste
Thine overflowing measure!

Then hail, hail, Thanksgiving day!
Thou day of royal dinners!
Nor will we care if the grim nightmare
Should fright the soul within us
When day is done. Let Turkey's ghost,
With the nuts and puddings and wine,
In the dead of night begin their fight,
Still victory is thine!

—*Harper's for December.*

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It was on Thanksgiving night, after all the friends and relatives who had spent a merry evening at his house had taken themselves away with loud laughter and invitations to "come over soon," shouted out of the darkness as the wagon rolled away—after the children had been sent to bed in high glee at the unwonted infraction on early hours, and while his wife was still putting away the silver and fine table linen—that Farmer Fielding went out alone, with a lantern swinging in his hand, to take a last look at the stable and cow-house, and make sure that the great barn-door was properly fastened.

He should have returned in ten minutes, but twenty had passed, when Mrs. Fielding, looking at the clock, asked herself in some surprise, what Hiram could have found to do? And when ten more followed without bringing him, and ten more went after them, she grew a little alarmed, and tossing a shawl over her head, went down the path that led from the kitchen to the barn, calling:

"Hiram! Hiram!"

"Hiram!" she called again, her voice taking on that shrill and unmusical tone which fright brings with it. "Hiram! Speak! Where are you?"

She stood by the barn-door now, and it was wide open, swinging in the wind on its great dark hinges; and within it all was silent and dark. There was not a sound—not a glimmer of light from the lantern. Surely her husband would not have left the barn open like that! Surely if he were there, she should see him, or hear him at least, even if the lantern had gone out.

"Oh, Hiram!" she cried, "don't scare me; don't try to scare me; for indeed I'm turning faint. I'm so—"

There she paused, struck with dumb terror. She had taken a step forward, and her foot had struck something soft and heavy that lay on the barn floor—something that did not move, but that felt as though it ought to have done so. The faintness had gone; in its place was that horror which we all know, and which is different from any personal terror, and far worse. She guessed what it was her foot had touched.

She did not utter his name now. She knelt down and stretched out her hands, and felt about. The first thing that she touched was a cold, limp hand, that fell inertly over hers as she lifted it. Then she felt upward from it, and touched a face, also cold. She gathered it up to her breast. Dark as it was she knew well enough that it was the head that had rested there so often; her hand went through his curls and a little moan escaped her. "Dead," she sobbed, "dead, dead, dead." And then her voice came back in a wail that rang out upon the night air and brought from the kitchen Madge, "the help," and her beau, Ben, who had been lingering over a parting there.

Ben, a great stalwart fellow, lifted the master in his arms and carried him into the kitchen. How Sara Fielding got there she never knew, but as she knelt by the long settee and wondered whether, with all those babies up stairs, it was right for her to pray to die, too, hope came back to her in a word from Ben.

"Missus," he said, "boss ain't dead—he ain't, no such thing; he's stunned like. No doubt he's hurt mighty bad, but Lor', no—not dead. I wouldn't say so if I warn't sure. I'll fetch him into bed, missus, and for the doctor. He'll come to—he'll come to; tell you he'll come to, missus."

Then it seemed to the poor woman as if heaven had opened its gates and given her a glimpse of glory.

She bent over him as he lay on his pillow, and heard the clatter of the horses' hoofs over the stony road, dulled by the planks of the wooden bridge, for awhile, and then, sharper, though fainter, on the highway leading townward.

How long it would be before the doctor came she did not know. If he were at home, why, soon. If some one else had called him, who could tell? Meanwile, she bathed the poor bleeding head, while Madge chafed the cold hands, and with her white lips whispered fond, cooling words as to a babe. And at last she saw, indeed, that he lived. More color came to his cheek. His eyes opened; but when she spoke to him he answered her only with groans.

One of the children had been awakened by the noise, and crept down stairs—a little white ghost, with a scared face—and seeing what had happened, had awakened the rest by her cries.

And, in the midst of this, the door opened, and,—thank heaven!—the doctor! but, worse than that, Ben, with horror in his eyes; and a hand pointing over his shoulder toward the red glare that flashed up toward the sky.

Madge saw and comprehended, and quietly slipped out after him. The barn was on fire; and while the poor wife within the shuttered room had one thought only, "Will he love better than the world beside live or die?" despite the fruitless aid that came too late, though it was freely offered, barn and stable, hay and cattle were licked up by the devouring flames. And all the efforts of the bewildered neighbors only availed to save the little homestead and one poor cow, dragged by Madge's faithful hands into safety at the risk of her own life.

"A poor Thanksgiving for Mrs. Fielding," said many a kindly matron as she heard the news next morning. Yet Sara Fielding was at that very hour thanking God; for, as the doctor went away, he had put out the good wrinkled hand that had given her her first spoonful of medicine when she was a baby, and that had held up her own babies for her to look at in her new motherhood, and had patted her on the head, and said:

"Keep up your heart, Sara—keep up your heart. We'll get him through yet. You'll not be a widow this time."

He would live, and what did she care for barn or store? Let all go, so that she had him.

But there was a weary time before her—days of fever and delirium, days of weak misery, when the strong man had become like a fretful child. Sara's round cheeks grew thin, and her hands began to show their bones. Often she wondered whether she could keep on her feet much longer, but she did; and, after three months' illness, Hiram got about again, gaunt and sallow, and lame, too—though that would pass away in a month or so, the doctor said—and was enough himself to make it necessary that he should be told what had happened; that his barn was burnt, his hay, his corn, all his provisions nearly gone, and his horses and oxen, too—just the one dun cow that gave them milk, tied in a shed that Ben had knocked together, that was all.

"I suppose my lantern broke in the hay, Sara," he said, when he could speak. "I found the door open, and went in, and there was a man there. I grappled him, and he struck me—that's all I know. Either my lantern did it, or the man was there to fire the barn. However it was, it's all over now. It will take—Sara, you took care of my pocket-book?"

"Darling," she said, "have patience. Your pocket-book has not been found. I've drawn all my little savings to live on. I thought you might remember where—"

"I always wore it in my vest," he said. "You know that. I kept all I had about me. There were five hundred dollars in money, too, and receipts I dare not lose, for they are signed by rascals. Sara, every chance I had of retrieving my losses is gone, gone, gone forever. I suppose I was robbed as I lay senseless, and I thought my own person better and safer than any bank. Look at me now, miserable, crippled, shaking shadow, that any child could master."

"But you'll get strong again," cried Sara, "and we've the house and the land." But Hiram was too weak to feel any hope or courage. He took to his bed again, and lay there still when it was time for a farmer to be busy.

However, he did not die, and there was another convalescence. Sara had not had time to be ill. She dared not. What she could do she had done. But a farm needs its master. If they raised enough for food that year despite neighborly kindness, and Ben's vow to work forever without wages, if need be, that was all they could do. And it was a poor year. No fruit to speak of; vegetables small and mean, and corn a disappointment.

Moreover one of Fielding's creditors did prove himself a rascal; and although the farmer swore to having paid this debt, there was no receipt to be found, and a mortgage of the land was the consequence. Often the discouraged man declared that he wished the thief had also murdered him, and he meant it.

But Sara Fielding kept her courage up, and now that her husband was fairly on his feet, and had even flung away cane and crutch, would have been perfectly happy, could she have made him so.

And thus Thanksgiving came about again, and friends shook their heads once more, and said, "Poor Mrs. Fielding would have a different Thanksgiving from what she'd been used to." And many invitations were sent to those who had entertained so freely while they could; but Hiram would have none of them, and, to tell the truth, little toes were out, and little dresses were not fresh and holiday-like.

"We'll keep Thanksgiving at home," said Sara Fielding.

"Thanksgiving!" said Hiram, sadly. "Well, my girl, it won't be much of a one, and I can't say that I feel thankful much, either."

"And then there ain't any punkins," said little Lizzie, "and no turkey."

"There is a pumpkin," said the mother, triumphantly—"a good one—I've kept watch over it. It's all right."

Hiram groaned, thinking of the wagons full that rolled to market the year before.

"And," said the comfortable woman, "I think roast pork with apple sauce as good as turkey. We have got two barrels of apples. I shall keep Thanksgiving. I wouldn't miss it for any consideration, and Hiram, you go to church and take Jack, and I'll get dinner for you—I and Lizzie and Sue."

"Church!" said Hiram.

"Yes, church," said Sara.

And she had her way.

Madge, the faithful, had gone with many tears to service elsewhere, long before, and Sara had no help; and now, having tidied the house, she went out doors to look for eggs.

Some of the chickens had been lost in the fire; some had since died mysteriously; but there were a few left. But her search was not as successful as usual. Speckled gray had taken to hiding her eggs, and according to calculations there must be three or four somewhere.

At last she heard a cackle, and looking carefully, espied speckled gray's head protruding from the ruins of the barn.

Certain beams and boards had so fallen as to make a hiding-place for speckle, and thither she was wending her way. Sara Fielding followed her. An arm' length in, she could see, by crouching low great white pearls that were to make her pumpkin richer. She put in her hand and drew them forth—four—five—and then—what was that lying there—that stained, blackened thing, with glimpses of red leather at the edges? Was it a book? Was it—yes, it was a great, soft, flat, pocket book—the pocket book in which Hiram Fielding had carried his wealth about his person, in his great confidence in his own strength and safety.

Sara drew it out, and, trembling, looked at it. It was warped and melted into a wad, but somehow only on the outside. As she tore it open she saw that within it was discolored and stained, but not burnt. Their little fortune was safe; there was hope and courage for Hiram now.

It is strange how much determination will do. Sara Fielding would have fainted on the ground but for the spirit with which she fought away the weakness that crept over her; but she did get into her kitchen without doing it, and then she flung herself upon her knees and wept and prayed together and grew strong again.

"I smell the fire," said little Jack, hurrying in after meeting. "Ain't it good, though, pa, dinner is ready."

"And I'm ready for it," said the farmer. "How bright you all look, girls. What is it, the one pumpkin?"

He spoke a little bitterly as he uttered the last words, and drew his chair to the table.

There stood the pork, the potatoes, the great golden pie, a dish of apple sauce, and another—covered.

"What's that?"

"Oh, Jack!" cried Susan.

"Hush!" said Lizzie.

"Will you give thanks, Hiram?" asked his wife.

"I suppose I ought," said Hiram. "We've got a house over us this year. Next perhaps—no matter."

He bent his head and uttered a few words of thanksgiving, thinking of all that a disappointed man does think even then.

Then he leaned back in his chair.

"Why, what's in the little dish?" asked Hiram. "Why do you look so?"

And Sara reached across and lifted the lid; and Hiram knew.

Everything was safe—the coupon-bonds, the money, the receipts—that of the wicked creditor included. In contrast with his state yesterday, Hiram felt himself a rich man, and he had the opportunity of starting fair and even with the world again, at least.

Sara was not the only one down whose cheeks tears ran that day—tears of joy and thankfulness.

And it all came about, Hiram says to-day, because my Sara kept up her heart so well: was thankful to Heaven for all its mercies, and made the best she could of our one pumpkin.

A SCENE IN THE SANCTUM.

"Is you the editor?"

The writer looked up from the desk on two small gamins with dirty faces, who had entered the sanctum and stood nervously twitching their ragged caps before him.

"Yes sir. What do you want?"

"Well, you see, the 'Irish Boys' and the 'Silver Stars' had a game of ball to-day, and we kinder thought as we'd like to have it published."

"Is that really so? I knew those two crack clubs were going to play, but I thought it was next week. To which club do you belong?" "We belong to the Silver Stars. I'm ketcher and he's short stop. And we waxed them other fellers, didn't we Bill?" "You bet," responded Bill. "Why didn't you say so before? The 'Irish Boys' are a good club, but by jove give me the 'Silver Stars.' Why, I'm delighted to meet both of you," and the editor rose up, shook both of them warmly by the hands and yelled for the "printer's devil" to "bring the gentlemen chairs." The two redoubtable Silver Stars looked at each other very much perplexed, and seemed at a loss whether to sit down or rush out of the office.

Finally they adopted the former plan, and pulling their chairs over near the door, so as to be ready to start out at the first signs of hostilities, sat suspiciously eyeing the editor, who entrenched himself behind a mass of paper, pencil in hand. "Now, then, tell me all about the game, and I'll write it down."

"Well, the Irish Boys they wuz a braggin' they could beat us, and we said we had twenty-five cents which said they couldn't. We played 'em, and gave 'em six goose eggs."

"Oh! now, boys," said the editor, "don't tell any lies. It is wrong to lie. Where could you get goose eggs this time of the year?"

The catcher and short stop of the Silver Stars looked at the editor in amazement, and then seemed to be mentally deciding that he was an infernal idiot.

"We mean to say," continued the catcher of the Silver Stars, who was first to recover from the shock to which he had been subjected, "that we whitewashed 'em." "Oh, I see," said the editor, with a sudden burst of intelligence, "you put whitewash over them until they looked like goose eggs. By jove that was a good idea." "No," said the catcher of the Silver Stars, with rising ire, "we skunked 'em, you know—skunked 'em." "Skunked 'em—what do you mean by that?"

"Why, we Chicagoed 'em—gin 'em no runs."

"Oh, now I see," said the editor, almost bursting into a roar of laughter at the look of intense relief that came over the faces of the Silver Stars. "Go right on."

"We got right on ter the balls of the pitcher of the Irish Boys in the first innings, and we pounded the life out of him."

"Hold on," said the editor, rapidly writing: "The Silver Stars stood on the ball in the first innin' and almost killed the pitcher of the Irish Boys when he tried to get it."

For two whole minutes the Silver Stars regarded each other in speechless astonishment. Then the short stop pityingly asked:

"Mister, did you ever play base ball?"

"Very little," said the editor, making herculean efforts to keep his face straight, "but I'll scratch this out if it is not all right."

"Course it isn't right. We means to say we hit his balls easy; we knocked 'em hard. I hit for three bags and made a home run."

"You did," said the editor, dashing off at a tremendous rate on the paper.

"The catcher of the Silver Stars hit three bags with the ball and then ran home with them."

This was too much. The two Silver Stars got up and unanimously concluded that they must go.

"What is your hurry?" asked the editor, again shaking their hands warmly; "stay a little while longer. If you can't, come up this afternoon and bring all your friends with you—glad to see you any time."

The catcher of the Silver Stars blew his nose, wiped it on the cuff of his coat, and led the way down stairs in deep thought.

At the bottom of the first flight his feelings could no longer control themselves.

"Bill," muttered he, "if that fellow ain't the damdest, ignorantest cuss I ever saw, why you can jest shoot me."

"Yes," replied Bill, "but he's awful friendly, ain't he?"—*Buffalo Express.*

—(Clergyman makes a pastoral call—Lady brings forward her son eight years, to be examined as to his theological sentiments):

Pastor—"What is a miracle?"

Boy—"Dunno."

P.—"If you were to see the sun in the middle of the night what would you think of it?"

B.—"I should think 'twas the moon."

P.—"But if somebody were to tell you 'twas the sun what would you think?"

B.—"Should think 'twas a lie."

P.—"But I don't lie. If I should tell you 'twas the sun what would you think?"

B.—"Should think you wasn't sober."

Faith is sometimes personified as a drenched female clinging to a sea-washed rock; but a better personification would be a bald-headed man buying a bottle of patent hair restorer.

Sitting Around.

They were sitting around upon barrels and chairs,
Discussing their own and their neighbor's affairs,
And the look of content that is seen on each face
Seems to say, "I have found my appropriate place,
Sitting around."

In bar-rooms and groceries calmly they sit
And serenely chew borrowed tobacco and spit,
While the stories they tell and the jokes that they crack,
Show their hearts have grown hard and undoubtedly black,
While sitting around.

The "sitter around" is a man of no means,
And his face wouldn't pass for a quart of white beans,
Yet he somehow or other contrives to exist
And is frequently seen with a drink in his fist,
While sitting around.

The loungers they toil not nor yet do they spin,
Unless it be yarns while enjoying their gin.
They are people of leisure, yet often, 'tis true,
They allude to the work they're intending to do,
While sitting around.

They've a habit of talking of other men's wives,
As they whittle up sticks with their horn-handled knives—
They're a scaly old set, and wherever you go
You find them in groups or strung round in row,
Sitting around.

—*Detroit Free Press.*

OUR BOSTON LETTER.

Something About Gentlemen's Fashions.

BOSTON, Nov. 28, 1877.

"He wore his gold laced clothes on the occasion and looked so fine, that standing in the middle of the dancers, he was taken by many at a distance for a gilt garland," wrote Lord Chesterfield more than a hundred years ago, describing the dress of a young man of fashion. In those days, velvets, satins, rich silks and rare laces were not monopolized by my sex, nor were all the small vanities which this generation considers particularly feminine, unshared by the masculine portion of the world. Some of the stronger sex did not disdain the corset even while the powder box, rouge box and pomade pot were found on their dressing tables as commonly as on the ladies'. The toilette of the beau of the eighteenth century was no slight matter and fairly rivalled in elegance that of the belle. Powdered wigs, silk stockings, low shoes with buckles made from wrought gold and precious stones, silk or velvet knee breeches and coat, satin waistcoat, lace ruffles and cocked hat, that was the young swell as he came fresh from the hands of the London Macullar, Williams & Parker of 1734. Isn't he a contrast to the beau of 1877, whom the Boston Macullar, Williams & Parker "get up," for festive and other occasions? He has abjured satin, silk, velvet and lace, but he is none the less finical over his broadcloths, cheviots, meltons, cassimeres and kerseys; he no longer wears scarlet, crimson, lavender, pale blue or any other delicate feminine shade, but he affects browns, olives, navy blues, grays and dark mixed effects, just the colors ladies wear in their walking costumes.

He wears plain black for gala occasions, with the low cut vest and the conventional swallow tailed coat, which has been the regulation full dress costume ever since I can remember, and goodness knows how many years before. It is broadcloth as a matter of course, and he pays from $50 to $75 for it. Then comes the half dress suit which is worn on occasions when the full dress would be too elaborate and the business suit too informal: this is generally made of black material, either a diagonal or plain cloth. The materials used are Scotch or German; the two that lead this year are the "Pontille" and the "F & H," a line of castor cloth that is considered specially nice. A frock coat is the thing in a suit of this kind, with a vest that is cut rather high without a collar; the pantaloons may be of the same material, or they may be of English cassimere, in some subdued color and in a pattern which shall suggest stripes. The cost of a suit of this description varies from $45 to $65. He must have a business suit as well, this young nineteenth century swell, for he does devote himself to something besides wishing after new pleasures and fresh diversions, and I am very much afraid Lord Chesterfield's Adonis found that almost his sole employment. There are such pretty cloths for these same suits in Scotch cheviots, rough mixed goods, some of which look not unlike the *bourettes* that ladies are wearing for costumes this season. Suits like these cost from $35 to $50.

You see I am telling tales out of school and all your lady friends are going to know how much it costs to fit you out, so that when you exclaim at the prices they pay for gowns, they may show a surprising knowledge of what your tailor charges you, for prices are about the same in Boston or in your own town. This year pantaloons are full in the leg and almost straight; they are made, when apart from the suit, in some fancy cassimere, and cost from $8 to $15.

In overcoats, as far as material goes, the gentlemen have almost as much variety to select from as the ladies have for cloaks.—Nicest and most stylish of all are the West of England Kerseys, a heavy cloth with a sur face as soft and smooth as broadcloth. It comes in all the leading shades. The coats are cut in a loose sack shape, double-breasted, and buttoned with horn buttons, some of which are finished so finely as to resemble tortoise shells; for the light coats smoked pearl buttons are considered the most elegant. The cost of a coat of this kind is from $45 to $60. Pilot cloths cost about $45. These prices obtain of course in custom-made clothing; ready-made goods cost less. Overcoats made from cheviots and Scotch elysians cost from $16 to $40. Ulsters, which are still used by persons who are much exposed to the weather, cost from $20 to $40. The best economy in buying clothing is to pay a little more in the beginning; you pay less in the end and are better satisfied. It's astonishing how a well-fitting coat adds to one's self-respect.

But the clothes themselves are but the beginning. It is the little things which give the finish and make up the cost. There are the collars and cuffs, scarf pins, neck ties, handkerchiefs, gloves, sleeve buttons, and all the rest of the little accessories of the toilette. Madam, you may wear your husband's collar or he may wear yours, and no one will be the wiser. All collars, masculine and feminine, are standing, with turn-over corners, which do not meet, but leave room for the knot of a scarf between them. The few turn-down collars have the same feature. Cuffs are square cornered and are worn either with the plain or link sleeve button. Scarf ties are worn very largely, and the newest ones are made in figured satin. In gloves, Courvoisier's kids for dress and evening wear are considered the nicest; then follow French dog-skin for driving; in woolen gloves, two English styles, the Hastings hunting glove and "Rink." For common use, handkerchiefs either silk or linen have colored borders, but for dress occasions only white is admissible, and these with hem-stitched borders and, if one chooses, an embroidered initial.

You see all the novelties are not confined to my sex. You have something to choose from as well as we, and I believe—as far as my experience goes—that you make quite as important a matter of the choice. The dress of the nineteenth century gentleman is best adapted to his manner of life, but after seeing George Rignold wear Henry Plantaganet's clothes, I could wish that ladies had not the monopoly of fine fabrics and becoming colors. There's no romance in your dress, but there is no doubt practicability and common sense.

SALLY JOY WHITE.

It is said that there is in the forests of the department of Loreto, in Peru, a species of tree which the natives call the "rain tree," which possesses the remarkable property of absorbing an immense quantity of moisture from the atmosphere, which is afterward poured forth from its foliage in a perfect shower, so that in many cases the ground in its vicinity is converted into a bog. It possesses this curious property in its greatest degree in summer, when the rivers are at their lowest and water most scarce.

One of the young men of Milford, Kentucky, sat down the other day and wrote on the back of a couple of postal cards. Then he turned them over and directed them, but, by some mischance, placed the address on the wrong cards. The result was the shirt manufactory in New York got a very polite invitation to go carriage riding somewhere on the Milford pike, while the young man's girl was made frantic by receiving the following: "Please send me a sample of the stuff your shirts are made of."

Some colored men were talking politics in front of a store the other day, when one said: "Tom, dey say de Publican party am dead an' gone to the Independents; what sort politics dey got?" "Well, dey is the same as the hypocrit, dey want the votes of bofe side, and 'minds me of a nigger what come up from Elbert county; he went to the Baptis' meetin' and he big Baptis', den, next he went to the Methodis' meetin' an' outshout dem all, but he took care to eat hearty wid both 'nominations."

A school board inspector asked a small pupil of what the surface of the earth consists, and was promptly answered, "Land and water." He varied the question slightly, that the fact might be impressed upon the boy's mind, and asked: "What then do land and water make?" To which came the immediate response, "Mud."

"What's the matter with you?" inquired a gentleman who had called to see his neighbor, a German, of Chicago. "Vell, I don't know—it is de gout; but vy should I have him?" "Perhaps," suggested his friend, "it is hereditary." "I dink it is hereditary; I remember my vife's uncle have him."

A Lowell firm recently sent a lot of bills West for collection. The list came back with the result noted against each name, one being marked "dead." Three months after the same bill got into a new lot that was forwarded, and when the list came back the name was marked "still dead."

Waiter—"What would you be pleased to order, sir? We have potage printanier a la Julienne; fricandeau de veau avec coquettes des pommes de terre; rissoles dsbœuf—" Milesian—"Well, give us a plateful of whichever of them's nearest to an Irish stew."

A Parisian squib: A regular Hercules is brought up for aggravated assault. The Court—"Have you any one to defend you?" "Prisoner (picking up a chair)—I can defend myself. Come on, all of you." (Cleans out the court room).

Mistress (on coming home from the seaside): "Why, Jane, what's become of the bullfinch?" Jane: "Well, you see, m'm, it didn't say much, and looked droopin' like, so cook put it out of misery, and I had it stuffed for my 'at."

Woman's refuge. The other day a little girl of three and a half, while playing with her Aunt Alice's ring, lost it. Both looked for it some time, without finding it, when, in despair, the little one said: "Come, Aunt Li, let's cry?"

"I do not think, madame, that any man of the least sense would approve of your conduct," said an indignant husband. "Sir," retorted his better half, "how can you judge what any man of the least sense would do?"

One of the Kentucky Minstrels is sitting for his carte in character. Operator: "Now, sir, look pleasant—smile a little." Minstrel smiles. "Oh! that will never do. It's too wide for the instrument."

Conclusive: Lodger—"I detect rather a disagreeable smell in the house, Mrs. Jones. Are you sure the drains—" Welsh landlady—"Oh, it can't be the drains, sir, whatever. There are none, sir."

A facetious tramp called at a house the other day and asked for something to eat. He was so thin, he said, that when he had a pain he couldn't tell whether it was a stomach-ache or a back-ache.

Hostess—"Pray, Mr. Pettyman, if you neither dance, play, sing, nor converse, what do you do?" Mr. Pettyman—"Ah, strwike gwaceful attitudes, ah—and let the ladies long for me, aw!"

"What! going to leave us, James?" "Yes, sir; I'm very sorry, sir, but I really can't put up with missus any longer." "Ah, James! Think how long I've put up with her!"

Nobody can tell how many disputes for the front side of the bed have been settled by moving the bedstead into the center of the room.

A citizen of Newburyport has now fattening for his table 500 frogs. He keeps them in a barrel and feeds them upon Indian meal.

Hon. Artemas Hale of Bridgwater, 94 years old, has voted for Governor seventy-three successive years, or since 1804.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1877.

A COMMITTEE of the South Carolina Legislature has found damaging evidence that U. S. Senator Patterson paid large sums of money to secure his election.

OHIO has just discovered that her Legislature last spring amended her militia law so that it now reads "*white* male citizens," and the colored population are quite excited about it.

IT is reported that "uncle Sammy" Tilden was on Broadway, New York, the other day, in a boozy state, talking incoherently of his woes and his intentions of pressing his claims for the Presidency. The country may congratulate itself that he makes these exhibitions of himself on Broadway rather than in the White House.

THE Pennsylvania Supreme Court has found George Walter, sheriff of Butler county, guilty of corrupting voters by the use of money, and he has been turned out of office, which action disqualifies him from holding any office of trust or profit in the State. The example should have a healthy influence on some other politicians.

TO-DAY the clerks of West Springfield, Chicopee, Ludlow, Palmer and Monson will go to Boston with the votes of their towns, and the Governor and council will recount the votes for sheriff, on petition of J. D. Parks, the defeated candidate. The votes of Springfield and Holyoke will also be counted by request of Mr. Sanderson.

GEN. GRANT has been suggested for Minister at the German Court. His nomination by the President would be a neat little compliment, and he would make a good Minister; but it is doubtful if he would accept the place if tendered to him. The General is having a pleasanter and easier time traveling round and being feasted and toasted.

THE managers of the Permanent Exhibition at Philadelphia have come to the conclusion that Sunday exhibitions don't pay, and the doors will hereafter be closed on the Sabbath; but the affectation of virtue with which they attempt to saddle the responsibility for the Sunday opening upon Morton, the late President of the company, is a little too thin.

HAD the life-saving stations on the North Carolina coast been manned when the ill-fated Huron went ashore last week, probably nearly if not quite all the crew would have been saved. But on account of the smallness of the appropriation the stations on that coast are not put in operation until the first day of December, and one hundred souls found a watery grave as a result of this mistaken economy.

BY a vote of 133 to 120, the National House of Representatives last Friday passed the bill to repeal the law by which specie payments are to be resumed Jan. 1, 1879. New England voted solid against the bill, except Gen. Butler, who dodged, and Phelps, a Connecticut Democrat. The South was nearly solid in favor of the bill—77 to 13. Fortunately this vote of the House does not indicate a repeal of the law, for the Senate will doubtless reject the bill, and even if it should pass that body President Hayes would unquestionably veto it.

THERE has been a sharp struggle for supremacy between the two political parties in the United States Senate this week, resulting in an all night session Monday, but with no decided advantage yet to either side. The defection of Senators Patterson and Conover, of South Carolina and Florida respectively, enabled the Democrats to pass a resolution discharging the committee on Privileges and Elections from further consideration of the Butler case, by two majority, but that was all they could do, and they cannot depend upon their votes on any other matter.

NOTHING has been done yet toward punishing the young men in Pittsfield who recently enticed three young girls to a hotel and kept them there three or four days for base purposes, and it is commonly reported that money has been accepted by the interested parties to hush the matter up. Rev. Mr. Gifford of the Baptist church in that place last Sabbath alluded in scathing terms to the authorities who fail to bring the guilty parties to punishment; and if Pittsfield society has got to that state where fathers and mothers will accept money as the price of their daughters' debauchment at the hands of "respectable" young libertines, while law officers stand quietly by, then decent people should steer clear of the place which deserves a punishment such as came upon Sodom and Gomorrah.

Two of the three members of the Fishery Commission which has been sitting at Halifax have voted that the United States shall pay Great Britain $5,500,000 for supposed damage to the Canadian fisheries by their use by American fishermen for twelve years. The United States Commissioner dissented, and it is questioned whether our Government is bound by anything short of a unanimous award. The decision creates much surprise, even in Canada, and is a perversion of justice. The preposterousness of estimating the loss to Canada because our smacks have shared her fishing banks for a few years, at one-third that awarded the United States at Geneva for the total destruction of American commerce is self-evident, but it may be better to pay the money and have the long-standing dispute settled.

A Canadian cheese factory has made a cheese weighing 7000 pounds, with dimensions as follows: Diameter, 6 feet 10 inches; hight, 3 feet; circumference, 21 feet. Thirty-five tons of milk were used in making it.

DISASTERS ON SEA AND LAND.

The United States steam sloop of war Huron, which left Fortress Monroe last Friday for the West Indies, was wrecked near Oregon inlet on the North Carolina coast early Saturday morning, and of the 132 officers and men on board only four officers and thirty men are known to have been saved. A fierce storm was raging along the coast at the time, and it is thought that the strong landward current carried the ill-fated vessel nearer the coast than the compasses indicated. Commander Ryan was among the lost. The Huron was an iron propellor, and she was beaten to pieces in a short time after striking on the rocks. A surf boat which went to her assistance was upset and five of the crew drowned. The disaster will be investigated by the Navy Department.

The storm of Friday and Saturday was of terrific power in North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland, as well as other parts of the Southern and Middle states, and great damage is reported from all sections. At Richmond the flood was the severest ever known, eclipsing even the noted one of 1870, and the loss of property reaches between one and two millions of dollars. The Dan and Big Sandy rivers formed one stream and swept away nearly all the property on their banks. At Lynchburg, Va., six miles of railroad bridges were destroyed, and from Harper's Ferry, Great Falls and other points come accounts of similar disasters. In the vicinity of Buchanan, the western terminus of the James River and Kanawha Canal, twenty colored people were drowned, and the destruction of property was immense.

A party of thirty persons embarked in a flatboat the other day at Pittsburg, Pa., to float down the Ohio to Arkansas. They had not gone far when their steering apparatus broke and they were carried against a coal barge, their boat broken, and five of the party drowned.

By the giving way of a trestle bridge over Fishing Creek, South Carolina, last Friday, a passenger train was precipitated into the creek and two passengers drowned, several others being injured. The bridge was undermined by the flood.

The interior of the New Haven steamer C. H. Northam was burned out on Tuesday at New York, and three colored men asleep in the hold were burned to death. Loss estimated at $175,000, the amount of insurance.

A family of eight, named Aborn, who left Rockville, Ct., last month for Arkansas, were run into and capsized while with a party on a Mississippi river flat-boat, and all but two of the party were drowned.

A construction train on the Long Branch Railway, while en route to a washout on the road on Sunday, was thrown from the track and three men were killed.

Henry H. Benedict, a prominent coal dealer of New Haven for 45 years, was killed by a railroad accident near South Amboy, N. Y., on Monday.

A gravel pit between Readville and Hyde Park caved in early Sunday morning, killing one of the laborers and wounding two others.

The Maine schooner Frank Johnson, bound for Richmond, Va., with ice, was wrecked Sunday night; seven lives were lost.

CRIMINAL ITEMS.

I. H. Jones, a Boston wool broker, has swindled various parties out of some $60,000 and fled.

Three young girls were arrested in Brooklyn, N. Y., last Saturday, for breaking into and clearing out a candy store.

Wholesale rascality has been unearthed in Rensselaer county, N. Y. Three Surpervisors have been indicted for robbing the county of large sums.

Mary Ward, an operative in a North Adams mill, became tired of life on account of matrimonial troubles, and committed suicide with laudanum last week Thursday.

During an affray in New York on Sunday George Dell, aged 17, threw a razor at Jacob Massorth, aged 65, severing the jugular vein and causing his death almost instantly.

Michael Murphy of East Boston insulted two females the other evening, and when they resented it he set his bulldog on them, and they were badly bitten. He was arrested and the dog killed.

L. J. Therason, a New York lawyer of high social standing, has been arrested for the embezzlement of $130,000 belonging to the Zabriskie estate, of which he has had the control for 18 years.

Mr. Justin E. Wood, ticket agent of the Boston and Albany railroad at Worcester, has been removed from the position he has held for 22 years, because of a deficit of $4000 in his accounts. The sum has been made good by his friends.

George Ambruster, a wealthy real estate owner of Fultonville, Ill., returned home unexpectedly the other evening and found his wife and John T. Richards, a prominent citizen, in criminal intercourse. Ambruster shot them both, killing Richards, and his wife died two hours afterward.

Charles F. Mayo, cashier of the Second National Bank of Lafayette, Ind., has embezzled $57,000 or more from the bank, which has suspended in consequence.

Matthew Davenport of Northampton, a workman at the Bay State Cutlery Works, made a murderous assault on his wife Thursday morning, beating her on the head with a club and stabbing her in the breast. William S. Pratt, a boarder, went to her rescue, when Davenport disemboweled him with a knife. Mrs. Davenport will probably recover, but Pratt's wounds are likley to prove fatal, though the doctors put back his bowels and sewed up the wound. Mrs. Davenport left her husband last spring on account of his cruelty. He had been drinking, and was led to the deed by jealousy of Pratt. He was arrested.

A COLD winter has been prophesied for Great Britain by the chief astronomer of the Royal Observatory, who has studied waves of heat and cold for 39 years, and finds the next cold wave due at the end of this year. In this case we shall probably catch some of the cold over this side of the Atlantic, as well.

A farmer at Mount Holly, N. J., fired at a party of thieves who robbed his house and set fire to it, recently, killing one of the villains outright and wounding another so that he has since died.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Is your coal bin full?

The first day of winter.

To-morrow will be Advent Sunday.

About time to have your sleighs painted.

There has been some juicy weather this week.

Turkey got badly used up in Thursday's engagements.

Inestimable boon! The JOURNAL till Jan. 1st, 1879, for $1.75.

The small boy is despondent—not a bit of sliding or skating yet.

It is a good time now to start a Village Improvement Association.

The pulpits were better filled than the pews last Sunday. It rained.

Hyacinths should be potted this month—and so should mince meat.

Two years ago yesterday was the coldest November day for many years.

Pack away your turnips in sawdust, and they will keep nicely till spring.

The social season is on now, and the philopœna lies in wait for the unwary youth.

J. H. Leedham has opened a shop in Brookfield for the jewelry and watch repairing business.

Many newly-made graves in our cemetery testify to the ravages of diphtheria in our midst.

The proverbial fox hunter might have enjoyed a good day's sport Friday, owing to the storm.

R. C. Wing has commenced work for the Hills Mfg. Co. of Amherst, and wants straw sewers.

"Give me liberty or give me breath," remarked a village girl to her lover the other evening.

Thanksgiving-day marriages are reported numerous, but full returns can not be expected before our next.

After Monday, Conductor Hastings's train on the N. L. N. railroad will run only as far north as Amherst.

Freeman Smith and Merrick Whitney have been drawn jurors for the criminal term of the Superior Court.

The carpet mill shut down Wednesday for the rest of the week, to allow the help to observe Thanksgiving.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society is called for next Monday at the Antique House.

C. W. White was the winner in the eight-hour billiard tournament at the Tockwotton billiard rooms Thursday night.

C. W. White has recently placed curbings of Fitzwilliam granite around the cemetery lots of Keyes Foster and A. Burleigh.

The Young People's Society meets next Wednesday evening with Miss Ida G. Foster on Thorndike Street, for a social time.

The Indian Orchard council, and the doctrine of Election furnished Rev. Mr. Fullerton's themes for his discourse last Sabbath.

The N. L. N. railroad company are putting in a new 18-feet bridge at this station, one 24 feet long at South Windham, and several others along its line.

The drama expected next Wednesday evening from the P. D. S. is postponed on account of the sickness of one of its members, who assumes a leading part.

Paul Bow, for refusing car fare, was sent to the House of Correction by the District Court this week, and John Anthony for attempted cannabalism was bound over.

"A word to the wise," etc. In Somerville a large shed has been stocked with wood, saws, and sawbucks, and tramps are at liberty to earn their meals there, or to go hungry.

An unusual sight was the running of a train of 30 cars of freight over the New London Northern railroad last Sunday. It was caused by the delay occasioned by the Valley road troubles.

To obtain the start of the charitable committee, hen "hookers" have been plying their avocation the past week, and many farmers have been relieved of their stock of Thanksgiving poultry.

The A. O. H. ball Wednesday night was a success, some 70 couples being present, and nothing marred the pleasures of the dance, the supper at the Tockwotton being a most satisfactory "interlude."

A horse trainer exhibited a trained colt in our streets Wednesday afternoon, and tried to cure a kicking horse from Three Rivers, affording amusement to a crowd of men and boys, but failing to cure the kicking.

Rain, snow and mud combined to make Thanksgiving day rather a gloomy one out-of-doors, but it did not make much difference with the happy gatherings indoors, where mirth and good cheer prevailed in spite of the weather.

The register of deeds has recorded the sale of a building and some land in Wilbraham by John Baldwin to Orra Danks for $750, and also a $400 mortgage on farm in Monson and Palmer given by E. N. Fay to the Monson Savings Bank.

The usual raffle the night before Thanksgiving afforded some poor people a chance to get their turkey below par, one man being fortunate enough to get three for seventy-five cents cash, while it cost another man $4, we are informed, for a single fowl.

Mr. Dale, formerly a currier of this place, and now living in western New York, broke his thigh one day last week in a singular manner. He was coming out of his house when a large dog rushed in front of him and tripped him up, with the above result.

Miss Kate Thompson was surprised at her home in Blanchardville last Friday evening by a number of her friends, who presented her, through J. Clee, an elegant muff and tippet, after which a bountiful collation was served, and singing, games, etc., made a merry time for all.

The latest get-up is a young ladies' "rainy-day club," the members of which visit some one of their number every rainy day, and have a jolly time. We don't know that there is one in this village, but we strongly suspect the existence of a rainy-Sunday club, whose large membership comprises both sexes, young and old, and whose chief corner stone is an agreement to remain at home every wet Sabbath.

There was a pleasant union praise service at the Cong. church Wednesday evening, in which all the village congregations joined, and a practical turn was given to the meeting by the taking up of a collection, amounting to nearly $14, for the distribution of turkeys, etc., among some of the deserving poor, by a committee chosen from the different societies. Mr. Fox generously donated several gallons of oysters to the committee to be distributed in the same way; and one of our prominent citizens had already distributed turkeys among a number of families in this village.

Dear Journal :—I have been figuring on your chess example in your last issue, and I find you have made a mistake. I find the number of grains to be 352,541,011,279,599,-229,189. Divide that by 500,000 and I have 705,082,022,559,198, instead of 50,860,705,-225,565, as you have it—which is about one-fourteenth of the correct sum. And then you add, "comparatively speaking not far from $100,000,000,000," when the right answer is in *quadrillions* instead of *billions*. Yours critically, CIPHER.

Among the many family reunions on Thanksgiving day, that at the residence of Mr. Bennett at Blanchardville was perhaps as complete as any, and it was a "numerous" company that gathered around his festal board.——Another joyous party was welcomed at Mr. Hitchcock's on Central street, and from all over the village arose the appetizing odors of roast turkey and—you know the rest.——Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Blanchard observed the 25th anniversary of their marriage as an additional cause for thanksgiving, and received an elegant easy chair as their "wedding portion."

The 24th annual report of the State Primary School has been completed, and shows the number of inmates to be 525. The number sent in by the courts during the year was 48; 127 were placed out in families, 39 returned and 14 died. The expenditures for the year have been $47,348. The report urges that the managers should have more authority and responsibility in placing children out in families, and that the school should be better supplied with furniture and appliances and the buildings better ventilated. It is recommended also that the appropriation be made sufficient to enable the superintendent to dispense with pauper help.

The *Scientific American* states that Dr. E. N. Chapman of Brooklyn, N. Y., has discovered an antidote to the poison of diphtheria, by which the percentage of deaths is reduced to less than one in fifty, whereas under the usual practice statistics show eighty-seven deaths in every hundred cases. Alcohol is his antidote, and he uses it with quinine, and finds that with this combination diphtheria is more amenable to treatment than many common diseases. He usually gives the alcohol in the form of whiskey. Not a bad remedy, this, for a good many people; in fact there are some persons around here that diphtheria would have a tough job to get hold of, if alcohol is an antidote.

The recent marriage of an estimable young lady of South Belchertown, who was employed in one of our millinery stores last summer, proves to have been an elopement in a quiet sort of a way. Being an only child, her doting parents had persuaded her to refuse two or three previous proposals, and when her heart was finally captured beyond recall she concluded to save all arguments by keeping the matter to herself. A few weeks ago her father brought her to the depot in this village, where she took the cars to "visit some friends," and—to get married! When she returned home her surprised parents were introduced to her husband, who at once ingratiated himself into their good graces, and having gained a dutiful son, they find themselves on the whole rather pleased with their daughter's unexpected marriage.

EAST BRIMFIELD.

Waldo B. Alleu, who has been visiting friends at Great Barrington for the past month, returned home this week.

THORNDIKE.

The schools in Thorndike closed last week with much credit due the teachers and a larger part of the scholars. In the first and second department Joseph Blanchard, Thos. Hutchinson, Thomas Ronain, Willie Woodard and Josie Gerald were neither absent nor tardy during the term. But quite a number have been irregular in their attendance, and are now deprived of the privilege of work in the mill. The children that attend school but thirty-three days for a term will not only be deprived of work in the mill this year, but will have to attend school the two following terms. We think when parents learn the intent of the law, they will not detain their children from school nor allow them to be idling away their time in the streets. *

BONDVILLE.

Benjamin Parsons has sold his blacksmith shop to Mr. Squiers.

Bartlett & Bond have been running the grist mill night and day for the past week or two.

The Boston Duck Co. are putting in a new steam boiler, which will make five they have now in use.

Rufus Bond is about to erect an ice house on Lake street. Just the thing this village has long needed.

The cornet band is still improving. They were out one night last week and played several of their pieces to good effect.

The two new double tenement houses on High street, which T. D. Potter has been building for the Boston Duck Co., are nearly completed.

WALES.

Rev. J. Noon has been appointed town clerk in place of C. G. Needham, removed from town.

Among the noticeable men of Wales that deserve more than passing attention, is the Rev. John E. Ainsworth, or, as he is sometimes called, the Farmer Preacher, whose forcible and lucid oratory draws a large congregation whenever the spirit moves him to preach or teach. Indeed, he should have a broader theatre than this obscure town for his shining talents, and his light should be removed from beneath the bushel here, and set on a hill elsewhere, so that the many might be covered by it. Another reason why he should seek a larger field, is that certain reports unfavorable to his purity of character find ready credence here, and impair his eminent usefulness among his more immediate acquaintances and neighbors. AN OBSERVER.

WILBRAHAM.

Mr. O. K. Ladd lost a horse Wednesday morning.

Lovejoy Bros. have leased a woolen mill at Moosup, Ct.

The outside work on the church is progressing rapidly.

Connecticut apples sell at $3.50 and New York at $4.00 per barrel at Ely's.

Oliver Abair will occupy a tenement in the Cross house on Springfield street.

There was some fox hunting last week, but the foxes still live to be hunted again.

Rev. M. S. Howard preached at the union service in Memorial church Thanksgiving day.

Edwin Root, a South Wilbraham man, has returned from California and Idaho after an absence of 26 years.

Miss Edith Hempstead, who has taken two elocution prizes at the academy, will soon give a reading in Ludlow.

Mrs. Nordstrom and Miss Sears have removed from the Academy boarding house to the residence of G. W. Ely. Miss Sears has not yet recovered from her sickness.

MONSON.

Names of scholars in the public schools neither tardy nor absent last term: No. 1—Grammar, Leila C. McNall, Frank S. Homer, John Herren, Chas. C. Keep; intermediate, Nellie Squier, Eddie Herren; No. 2—Lottie N. Smith, Jennie A. Lanphear, Eddie Harvey; No. 3—Flora B. Shaw; No. 4—Georgia A. Mason, Mary S. Tucker, Alice E. Tucker, Carrie N. Tucker, Idella M. Anderson, Rufus H. Parker, Everett Parker, Frank W. Pease, Willie H. Mason, Ralph D. Tucker, Arthur J. Tucker; No. 5—John Cavin; No. 7—Arthur D. Foskit, Eugene J. Foskit; No. 8—Grammar, May Topliffe, Nellie Clark, Jennie Nelson, George Knowlton, Eddie Moffitt, Fred Rogers; intermediate, Belle Topliffe, Mary P. Bliss; primary, Willie Charles, John Hanson, Willie Hughes, Patsy Shea, Mary Corcoran, Nancy Corcoran, Johanna Lynes, Addie Rogers; No. 9—Emma Blanchard, Jane Blanchard, Cady Blanchard, Myron Blanchard; No. 10—Etta Powers, Lela Thayer, Anna Waters, Mary Burleigh, Emma Powers, Mary Sellig, Agnes Sellig, Edgar Powers, John Powers, Fred Amidon, Leon Waters; No. 12—Nellie King, Fred Peck; No. 13—Merrill Carew. The schools, with the exception of No. 1, commence again next Monday.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

The old Lacowsic mill shows signs of life again, and is already starting, and the help are beginning to return.

L. B. Cunningham has this week started his new blacksmith shop, which is connected with John Q. Adams's wagon and wheelwright shop.

The Cong. society have been making a new barn out of their old one, covering it entirely anew, which must be pleasing to their pastor, and is a great improvement.

All the public schools commence their winter term on Wednesday next. A. B. Newell commences a term of high school at the academy building the same day.

Thanksgiving passed off quietly here, turkeys and chickens being spared more than formerly. The two societies united at the Baptist church to hear Rev. Mr. Kniel of the Methodist church preach.

S. C. Spellman, who commenced mercantile business in this village in 1833, and has been thus employed here more than thirty-five years out of the forty-four, has sold out his stock of goods and rented his store to Albert F. Ballard. Mr. Ballard is a young man with considerable experience in business, and the indications are that he will have his full share of trade. Mr. Fuller, who has been perhaps the principal merchant for the past year, has also sold out to Sumner Smith, who is now Mr. Ballard's only competitor. Mr. Ballard has the advantage of almost an entire new stock of goods, well bought, and from the rush in and about his store it is evident the community know where to buy cheap.

BRIMFIELD.

All the schools in Brimfield will commence their winter terms next Monday.

The drenching rain and severe gale kept people from church on Sunday last, there being but thirty-six persons present during the service in the chapel on Church green.

The Hitchcock High School will commence the winter term on Thursday, Dec. 11th, instead of the 4th, as previously announced, giving the principal, Mr. E. W. Norwood, more time for the restoration of his health and strength after his protracted illness.

The great event has come and gone, and two loving hearts have been metamorphosed into one. The parties, Mr. Porter A. Parker of Brimfield and Miss Angie McGregory, were united in marriage at the residence of her father in East Longmeadow on Thursday last, and after spending a few days visiting left for their future home in Brimfield to install themselves in their new and elegant mansion. May their future be as bright and auspicious as the present, is the universal wish of their old and new friends.

The reunion and interview of the present and past members of the Hitchcock High School last Friday evening was a perfect success. The number of members present was over one hundred, with additional visitors from Palmer, Warren, Wales and Sturbridge. At an early hour the large dancing hall at the Brimfield hotel was brilliantly lighted for the occasion, reminding one of days long past, when Marcus Converse was proprietor of the old hotel, and when Brimfield could call together the largest and most brilliant assemblage of young persons of both sexes of any village in Eastern Hampden. The dancing commenced at an early hour and was kept up into the small hours of the night. The Messrs. Webster furnished music, Byron W. Charles calling the figures. Supper was furnished to all who desired, and the large company separated with sincere regrets, wishing many returns of these reunions and interviews. INDEX.

WEST WARREN.

The village schools reopen next week with the same teachers.

The Warren Cotton Mills retailed over two hundred tons of stove coal last week, and still there is a call for more.

No Thanksgiving service in the village Thursday, on account of Rev. A.H. Somes' illness, as he was to have conducted a union service.

B. F. Rombough, a workman in the box shop of the Warren Cotton Mills, lost the end of one finger and nearly lost another while working over a circular saw Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. J. S. Barrows has taken up the subject of eternal punishment. Last Sabbath he presented his views of what the Bible teaches about the question, and next Sunday will discuss it from a philosophical point of view, and invites "free thinkers" to attend.

The Cotton Mill has just completed the work of changing the spindles in the spinning frames of the No. 2 mill to the Sawyer spindle, and expects the production of yarn will be greatly increased without an increase of cost. George Draper & Sons of Holyoke did the job.

The Catholic fair, which has been the chief object of interest lately, closed Monday evening after a run of seven evenings, and proved highly successful, as it is thought the society will net between $1000 and $1200. The contest between the temperance and Hibernian societies for the grand marshal's sword was exciting and ended in a victory for the former, whose votes amounted to $54.69 against $38.39 for the latter. Their success they claim is due to the unexpected donations of Holyoke and Ware friends and the interest taken by the canvasser, Thomas Hallenan. James C. King drew the gold watch; Ann Sheehan the chamber set; Felix Prevost, silk dress pattern; Charles Dufresne, Sr., easy chair; Mike Foley, ton of coal; Bridget Shea, barrel of flour; David Downey, silver castor; Joanna Brosnahan, silver plated tea pot; E. F. Strickland of Warren, hog; Nellie Horan, pig; Lizzie Cahill, gold chain; Timothy Collins, cord of wood; Mrs. Timothy Collins, chest of tea; Nellie Welch, gold cross; Mary Caton, gold necklace; Mrs. J. F. Holbrook of Palmer, pair of blankets; Nellie Collins, gold cross. The concert on the first evening of the fair was regarded as excellent; Misses Annie B. and Lizzie Feeney of Palmer were the chief attractions. Timothy Collins and Avila Pepin, the managing committee, are worthy of praise for the systematic manner in which the fair was conducted.

WARE AND VICINITY.

The public schools commence next Monday.

Aaron Smith has again gone to Florida, being well satisfied with his last winter's sojourn.

Bank examiner Daniel Needham made his annual official visit to the Ware National Bank last Monday.

Miss Catherine Eaton was thrown from her carriage on Maple street last Monday forenoon, breaking her left arm just below the elbow and dislocating her wrist.

George Gould's barn and out-buildings, situated about 1¼ miles from this village, were destroyed by fire about eight o'clock Wednesday evening. A yoke of oxen, one horse and three pigs were also burned, the fire making such rapid progress as to prevent their release. It is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. Although the engine company were busy making preparations for their ball, which took place the same evening, yet they were prompt in arriving at the fire and were the means of saving the dwelling house which was connected with the barn.

FACTS, FASHIONS AND FOIBLES.

—Pittsburg has a female blacksmith.

—Monkeys are used for food in Japan.

—Hoop ear-rings are again fashionable.

—MacMahon is said to look old and thin.

—Box-toed shoes are the present fashion.

—Camel's hair socks are shown for gentlemen.

—Springfield is talking of having a Board of Trade.

—Black Chantilly lace is very much worn and admired.

—Fac similes of the writer's initials adorn new stationery.

—The Cincinnati police force is provided with a Gatling gun.

—Artificial flowers are in the new color called French pink.

—A New York florist has a sacred palm-tree over 500 years old.

—Postal cards to the number of 26,885,500 were sold last month.

—Buffalo, N. Y., has a Chinese physician among her practitioners.

—Onyx and jet necklaces are the most fashionable for mourning.

—Bonnets are more fashionable than round hats for young ladies.

—"Feather butterflies" are among the latest devices in feathers.

—Texas gained 300,000 in population by immigration last year.

—Georgia will realize $1,500,000 out of dried peaches this year.

—Pearl buttons, both large and small, are used with black materials.

—Evening dresses have the front breadths trimmed the entire length.

—Clean black lace by sponging it with green tea, ammonia or skim milk.

—Several well-defined cases of leprosy are under treatment in New York city.

—Ladies are wearing white vests and neck-ties in imitation of the gentlemen.

—It cost the Japanese Government $50,000,000 to subdue the recent insurrection.

—It costs four dollars in New York city to fringe a bouquet with maiden-hair fern.

—An Indian girl of Mohawk descent has made her debut as an actress in Toledo.

—Beautiful Circassian girls can now be bought at the $200 stores of Constantinople.

—For street costumes plush skirts are to be worn with polonaises of silk or cashmere.

—Horses in the city of Lowell are dying from a distemper which is rapidly spreading.

—The country population of California is only equal to the population of San Francisco.

—Long, slender brooches with earrings to match are the fashionable forms of new jewelry.

—Over three-fourths of all the hangings in Missouri within ten years have been by mobs.

—A colored woman in Washington county, Kentucky, is the mother of thirty-four children.

—In France the railroads are obliged by law to publish each week a report of their receipts.

—A negro kissed a white girl in Columbia, S. C., and she shot him instantly through the heart.

—The bar-room bell punches in Richmond, Va., have collected $15,000 tax in about two months.

—Sixteen-year-old boys earn easily $300 wagoning and selling wood in Texas during the winter.

—A narrow band of black enamel is the latest style of bracelet; all bracelets are narrow, in fact.

—A wet nurse for young tigers was what the English zoologists were wanting in their establishment last week.

—The latest styles of kid gloves for ladies are fastened at the side, and are intended to add to the contour of the arm.

—Eighteen thousand men are now engaged in the express business, and the capital invested amounts to $30,000,000.

—The tallest man in Indiana is Andrew J. Hart of Bainbridge, who measures six feet eleven inches and a half in his stockings.

—An Omaha husband sues for a divorce because, while the color of his own and his wife's hair is jet black, her baby's hair is bright red.

—During the last ten years the Italian Government has confiscated and sold at public auction $106,000,000 worth of church property.

—San Francisco, already infamous for the large number of Sunday amusements which it patronizes, has recently added bull-fighting to the list.

—The Princesse dress with elbow sleeves, filled with illusion (and worn for man's delusion), will be the favorite evening dress this coming winter.

—Of the fifty-eight banks connected with the New York clearing house, thirty-three furnish their clerks with lunch inside their own establishments.

—Ladies of the Russian nobility give their diamonds to the public treasury, and wear as ornaments buttons torn from the uniforms of slain officers and soldiers.

The Westfield cigar makers are having a hard time of it just now, from 100 to 125 being out of work or working only on part time, while wages are so low with steady work they can make only from $9 to $15 per week. The sale of cigars has fallen off 25 per cent. since last year.

A Jersey City father testified last Saturday against his own son, a lad of 17, tried for an assault on his brother, and asked the Judge to send him to State Prison. The Judge withheld sentence and gave the father a severe rebuke.

Dr. Isaac Sitler, a Philadelphia druggist, was found guilty on Friday of having caused the death of a girl by mistaking muriatic acid for essence of peppermint, and was fined $500 and sentenced to an imprisonment of three months.

At Freetown last Friday a young lady named Pittsley went into a saw mill, and her dress catching in the machinery, her clothing was completely stripped from her, but she was not injured.

It is stated that Mary Mapes Dodge, editor of *St. Nicholas*, has been ordered to cease work and rest for a year on account of ill health.

E. F. Balch, agent of the Dwight mills at Chicopee, has resigned that position to accept, Feb. 1, the agency of the Naumkeag mills at Salem.

Immoral Literature.

Mr. Editor :—It seems to us that there is need of a protest against the custom of public exposure and sale of immoral literature. Our paper and periodical stores, rightly conducted, are a great convenience. But, when they are prostituted to the service of the proprietors of the *Illustrated News*, *Police News*, and other literature of the kind, we may well question their value.

It is the custom of many stores, to which our village store is no exception, to boldly display these sheets. Thus the most vulgar and lewd pictures are presented to the eyes of modest women who blush and dare not raise their heads while attending to legitimate business, while our youth and young men have their imaginations and passions fired, to their great moral injury. We understand that twenty copies of these demoralizing papers enter the houses of Palmer.

We appeal to the parents of this town. As you love your children and pray for their safety and virtue, clear out this immoral literature! But if it *must* be sold, let not these morally contraband goods be publicly exposed. Let us pray for Christian purity in our churches on Sunday. But, let us *work* for it in our stores and on the street the other six days of the week. * * * *

Palmer, Nov. 26, 1877.

The longest bridge in the world was opened for public travel near Dundee, Scotland, the other day. It spans the Tay at a point where it is two miles in width, and was built by the North British Railway Company. Thirteen of its girders are each 245 feet in length, its hight above high water 88 feet, and its cost was $1,750,000.

New York City has a "penny restaurant" where a small cup of coffee, bread and butter, pork and beans, a slice of corned beef, oat-meal, and boiled rice may be obtained at a cost of one cent for each item. It is a newspaper man's enterprise, and is proving a success.

AN ASTONISHING OFFER.—The INDEPENDENT, of New York, offers in another column to give away, absolutely, a Worcester's Unabridged Quarto Pictorial Dictionary, which retails everywhere for $10, and is, of course, household a necessity. How they can do it is, we must confess, a mystery; but that they do there is no question. The INDEPENDENT is now publishing Rev. Joseph Cook's famous Boston Monday Lectures, which are creating so much discussion everywhere. See advertisement of the INDEPENDENT in this paper.

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MARRIED.

At East Longmeadow, 22d ult., PORTER A. PARKER of Brimfield and ANGIE MCGREGORY of East Longmeadow.
At Warren, 28th ult, by Rev. F. Nichols, CHAS. W. THOMPSON and EMMA TUPPER.
At Springfield, 29th ult., G. B. MURRAY of Boston and ETTA J., daughter of Henry Dana.
At Westboro, 29th ult., HERBERT C. LONGLEY and M. LIZZIE WELD, both of W.

DIED.

At Belchertown, 22d ult., HARLOS BISHOP 73; 24th ult. SILAS HOWARD, 71.
At South Hadley Falls, 26th ult., GILMAN WHITE, 79.
At Granby, 28th ult., EMILY C., 22, wife of John Fuller.
At Indian Orchard, 28th ult., HATTIE R., 5 years and 4 months, daughter of Fank Swetland.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed Administrator with the will annexed, of the estate of Betsey O. Thompson, late of Monson, in the County of Hampden, deceased; and has taken upon himself that trust, by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased, are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to EMORY D. SPELLMAN, Adm'r.

Monson, Nov. 8, 1877. 3w36n

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When the care-wearied man sees his mother once more,
And the worn matron smiles where the girl smiled before,
What moistens the lip, and what brightens the eye?
What calls back the past like the rich pumpkin pie?

Oh, fruit loved of boyhood—the old days recalling,
When wood-grapes were purpling, and brown nuts were falling!
When wild, ugly faces we carved in its skin,
Glaring out through the dark with a candle within!
When we laughed round the corn-heap, with hearts all in tune,
Our chair a broad pumpkin, our lantern the moon,
Telling tales of the fairy who traveled like steam
In a pumpkin-shell coach, with two rats for her team!

Then thanks for thy present—none sweeter or better
E'er smoked from an oven, or circled a platter!
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And the prayer which my mouth is too full to express
Swells my heart that thy shadow may never be less,
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Judge—"Well, out with it."

Grant—"Well, de whole circumstancie ob de bisness am dis: You see Judge, in de slabery time I had tree wife on tree plantation. Dey got along berry well togedder when dey was apart, and I was well satisfaction, but since rebel times dese "devised statues" fetch up all dese dern nonsense laws, 'bout man and wife, and I find I aint got no wife 'tall. I'se no 'jection to dat, but jis here's whar de shoe pinch; jis here I wants your legal precision. De fac' is, Judge, I want to jine de church. De boss leader say I can't come in onless I git legally marrid. Now, kin I, 'cording to law, marrid all three, or mus' I marrid but one? Ef you say but one, and I 'tempt it, my 'speetable Judge, you'd better b'leve dar will be de berry debil riz on dat 'casion in dat church."

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For as the soft moss greenly clothes the cairn
Where hot young blood was shed,
So life deals gently with the ancient woes
'Till all their pain is dead.

No landmark of our journey would we miss,
Its loss would change the scene;
Naught could be lovelier than that which is—
Nothing that might have been.

The sweetest sunshine on our path to-day
Is sunshine after rain;
The sacred treasure in our secret hearts
Was given us by Pain.

Darling, let us turn and look before us,
Aye, to the highest hill;
Rejoicing that beyond our present ken
Rise others higher still.

That as we now smile at what grieved us once,
And say, "How weak we were!"
So faintly shall our present passions stir
When we walk safely there.

Yet the same sun that shone upon our youth
Shines sweetly on us still,
Only its added glories pledge the glow
It floods on yon fair hill.

Through God's universe that sun goes shining,
Below, around, above;
Dear, your hand and mine lie warm together,
We know that Sun is Love.

OVER THE WIRES.

First, I must tell you who I am, and how I came to be in the Baysville bank in the "wee sma' hours" one dreary December night, some three years ago.

My name then is Olive Hudson, and I was seventeen years old that same December night, and so very small that Mr. Knight's Dolly, who was not twelve, was half a head taller than myself.

We were rich folks once, but father died and left us very poor. Mother struggled along in a weary hand to hand fight with poverty till I was sixteen, and died. She had rented two rooms of Mrs. Knight, a widow also, with two stalwart sons, an aged father and two daughters. After mother died I was adopted by the Knights, and although I was earning a support as music teacher in the Baysville academy, I was like one of the family when I was in my good landlady's home.

They were all in good positions, although by no means an aristocratic family. John, the eldest man, was in New York in a wholesale sugar house; Tom was the night watchman of the Baysville bank building, and grandpa—we all called him grandpa—was telegraph operator of the town, while Mary was a milliner, and Dolly still at school.

Baysville bank building was a large granite structure, containing the post office and bank on the first floor, the telegraph office and a number of private law offices on the second floor, and other private offices on the third floor. In the basement were post office rooms for sorting the mail, and also the large bank vaults.

I knew the building well, for I was fond of telegraphing, and spent half my leisure time perched up behind grandpa in his office, sending and receiving messages, while he slept peacefully or read the newspapers.

And that was the beginning of my amusement at Dryden, the next station. The operator at Dryden was a wit, and flashed nonsense to our office when business was dull. It fell flat when grandpa was in the office, but if I were there I sent back jest for jest, and sometimes an hour slipped by like a minute as we talked over the wires of every topic under the sun. He called himself Lion; and I, for nonsense, signed myself Elephant, laughing while I did so at the reflection of my tiny figure in the office mirror.

Beyond Dryden and only five miles from Baysville, was C——, a large commercial town, the nearest railway station, and where an office was always open for the accommodation of travelers.

As I have said, Tom Knight was the night watchman of the Baysville bank building and a lonely time he had of it. The last mail came by stage at four o'clock in the afternoon, and the post office was vacated at six. The bank closed at three, and by six every office was deserted for the night.

At seven Tom was on duty, and grandpa, who was restless at night, was in the habit of taking down some coffee and luncheon, as the building was only a stone's throw from our house.

On the December night I have already mentioned, it had stormed heavily all day, and I had taken a new class at the academy, coming home later in the day than usual, and excited over my increase of salary.

Everybody else had gone to bed, and I was lingering over the kitchen fire with Mrs. Knight, dreading the plunge into my cold room, where I had allowed the fire to go out. The clock struck twelve, and Mrs. Knight, lifting her face from over the fire, said:

"Do call grandpa, Olive; he's asleep on the sofa in the sitting-room. I'll have Tom's basket ready by the time grandpa has his hat and coat on. I hate to call him, for he was complaining of rheumatism to-day and the ground is very wet, although the storm is over."

"Let him sleep," I said, "I'll run over with the basket. It is not a step."

"But it is so dark. Are you not afraid?"

"Not a bit. I'll slip on my waterproof and rubbers, and draw the hood of the cloak over my head."

"Well, if you will. Though I am afraid Tom will scold at my letting you go."

"I'll put the basket on the table and run, and he will never know who left it."

"Go into the rear basement door. He leaves that open for grandpa."

"I know."

I grasped the handle of the basket, hurried across the space between the building and the house, and stole softly in at the basement door, in pursuance of my plan to drop the basket and run.

In my rubber shoes my steps were noiseless, and I had scarcely passed the threshhold when I stood rooted to the floor in terrified amazement.

Somebody was talking!

I crept forward and listened. There were men in the bank vault, and a light shone under the door.

While I was listening some one said:

"There's a confounded draught here. Did you shut the door, Smith?"

"Yes, but the wind may have blown it open."

I had just time to dart under the staircase and crouch down, when the door of the vault opened and a man came out.

He crossed the entry, drew the two heavy, noisy bolts, fastened the door by which I had entered, and returned without closing the vault door.

I could look in by the dim light to see two men working at the safe looks by the stream of light thrown from a dark lantern.

There was the outline of a man bound and gagged upon the floor, but I could only conjecture it was Tom, for I could not see distinctly.

There I was nicely caged, for it would be impossible for me to draw those heavy bolts without attracting notice. And the bank was being robbed, that was evident. How could I prevent it? I could not get out—I could not reach Tom. Suddenly I remembered the telegraph office on the second floor. If I could only summon help from C——. It was only five miles, and there was a long job for the burglars before they could open the safe.

Could I creep around the staircase? If one of those busy men turned his head I was lost. I softly crept out on all fours, slowly, watchfully, and gained the stairs. Up I darted, blessing my India rubber shoes, till I gained the door of the telegraph office. All dark there, and I dared not strike a match.

I listened, and then leaving the door open, groped my way to the well-known desk, and the signal at C——. I could hear my own heart throb as I waited for the answer. It came! Still working in the dark, I sent this message:

"Burglars in the Baysville bank vault! Watchman bound and gagged! Can you send help?"

Again the agony of suspense in listening, but at length the sound reached me:

"Will send help immediately!"

I crept to the head of the staircase, afraid the clear ring of the instrument had been heard in the vault; but no one came up stairs. The window of the telegraph office faced the street, so I returned, bolted myself in safely, and sat down to watch.

The town clock gave one resonant stroke, breaking the deep silence, and no signs of life were visible on the long stretch of road leading to C——. I was numb with cold, wishing heartily that I had not left Tom's basket under the staircase, thinking regretfully of my own cozy bed, when I heard afar off the sound of horses' feet.

No sister Anne, in Blue Beard's tower, was ever more watchful than I was then. Would the burglars take the alarm?

The building made a corner of two streets, and I saw eight mounted men dash up the road, separate, and while four dismounted in front, four went to the rear.

The burglars were unprepared for this flank movement, for while the police in front were thundering at the main entrance, the robbers rushed to the rear basement door, right into the hands of the police stationed there.

I could hear the hubbub, pistol shots fired, the scuffle of feet, cries, oaths and general confusion, and I slipped down stairs, out of the now deserted main entrance, and home.

Everybody was abed, and I went to my own room, had a good crying spell, and comforted my half frozen body in double blankets where I soon fell asleep.

All this was on Friday night and I had no teaching to do until Monday, so I slept late; but coming down, found all the family prepared to make a heroine of me.

"I never knew until mother told me this morning," said Tom, "that it wasn't grandpa who sent the telegram to C——. By Jove, Olive, you're spunky if you are little."

"I gave up when four of them pounced on me from the upper rooms. They must have got in through the day and hid there."

I tried to make the Knights promise not to tell my adventure, but could not. Before night all Baysville knew how Olive Hudson caught the burglars. I was in the office with grandpa, when over the wires came this message:

"What does Olive Hudson look like? Everybody in Dryden is talking about her great exploit."

I flashed back:

"What do you suppose such a woman would look like? She is nearly six feet, broad shouldered and loud-voiced, a perfect elephant."

"Was it really yourself, Elephant?"

"Dear Lion, it really was."

"Do you know I want to see you. I am going to New York to-day, but I'll be back next spring."

If he came to Baysville he did not see me. I ran away in a fit of shyness.

In March a wonderful thing happened. My mother's brother who had been seventeen years, nearly all my life time, in Cuba, came on to New York, found me out and took me into a life of ease and luxury, making me his pet in his splendid house. He was a bachelor, over fifty years of age, handsome and well informed, and with large wealth.

He introduced me to old friends of his own, and my circle of acquaintances widened every day. I was entirely happy, for we loved each other well.

One day Uncle George brought home to dine a stranger, whom he introduced as:

"The son of an old friend, Olive, Mr. Roberts."

I made myself agreeable, as in duty bound, to Mr. Roberts, a man of thirty or thereabouts, with a face that was downright ugly, but pleasant from the expression of frank good humor and intelligence upon it. We talked of everything, and I was surprised at the congeniality of taste we soon discovered. In an animated discussion of heroines, Mr. Roberts, turning to Uncle George, said:

"You were kindly inquiring this morning about my fortune since father died, but I did not tell you one little episode. Before I was fortunate enough to obtain my present lucrative situation, I was for a time telegraph operator in a small place called Dryden, and then I heard of a real heroine, of whom the world will probably never hear."

I knew what was coming, but I kept my face perfectly composed to listen. When the story was finished, giving Uncle George a sly pinch to keep him quiet, I said:

"What kind of a looking person was the wonderful heroine?"

"I never saw her; for although Baysville was the next village to Dryden, I never went there. But she was described to me as tall, strong and masculine."

"In short, my dear Lion," I said gravely, "she was a perfect elephant."

Such a stare as greeted me I am certain never came upon Leo Roberts's face before or since that hour. His eyes dilated till I thought that they would pop out of his dear, ugly face, and his mouth opened in utter amazement. Finally he remembered his manners, and gasped:

"Pardon me, I—was it really you?"

"Uncle George," I said, "will you please introduce me properly to Mr. Roberts? I believe he thinks your niece must share your name."

With a flourish Uncle George arose, and gravely introduced:

"Mr. Leo Roberts, Miss Olive Hudson—Miss Hudson, Mr. Roberts."

After that we could not certainly be strangers, and Mr. Roberts came many a time and oft to dine with Uncle George.

And one day there was a wedding, where the bride was very small, buried in lace and orange blossoms, and the bridegroom was ugly and good natured; but it was a true love match, a fit ending for the flirtation commenced at Dryden and Baysville, over the wires.

VILLAGE SOCIETY IN WINTER.

First. As to sewing clubs; the work should be carefully restricted to such embroidery, etc., as cannot be done by women who earn their living by their needle. The justice of this ought to be at once apparent; but it is, as a rule, overlooked. We have known the plain sewing taken from the seamstresses of a village, and given to church clubs, for a winter; the consequence of which was, hungry women asking parish help, and a stained-glass window back of the pulpit.

Second. In reading-clubs, let the time for each reader be limited by inflexible rule. If this is not done, there will be found in every such club, at least one dogmatic, selfish reader who will force his voice and author upon the club, until in disgust and weariness the members fall off and the experiment fails.

Thirdly. If we may trench upon a most delicate topic, we would suggest that in merely social combinations, for the purpose of music, dancing or conversation, the old caste lines of the town be disregarded. There is no despotism more narrow or cruel than the aristocracy of a village. New blood and new ideas would generally revivify it; outside of the so-called "good society" of such a place which has been fenced in for two or three generations is frequently found the larger proportion of intelligence, culture, and breadth of thought.

Fourthly. The great want experienced by cultured men and women in a small town is of books, periodicals, etc., which, individually, they are not able to buy. There are very few circulating libraries in American towns of a population less than ten thousand. This want can be obviated in a measure by a friendly combination between certain families or individuals, in which each contributes a certain number of books to a common stock; these books are loaned to the members in turn.

A more formal and much better way is the formation of a book-club, such as were common in England before the establishment of Mudie, in which each member pays at the beginning a certain sum, with which as many books are purchased as there are members, each one choosing a book; these pass in regular rotation from hand to hand, remaining a fortnight with each reader; twenty books may thus be read for the cost of one. When the books have passed around the circle, they are sold to members for the benefit of the club. Fines for detention and abuse of books also keep up the funds. No officer is required in this association but a treasurer. Another advantage in the plan is that books can be bought by the quantity at lower rates than singly. The same rule applies to subscriptions for magazines, newspapers, etc.—*Home and Society; Scribner for Dec.*

THAT BARREL OF SALT.

One of the firm who run a commission house on Woodbridge street is a man of muscle. He can lift a barrel of flour as easily as a common man lifts a bag of oats, and it scarcely makes his ears grow red as he heaves a barrel of salt into a farmer's wagon. For weeks past he has been boasting of his strength of muscle, and wanted to see something he couldn't lift, and the boys around the store got their heads together the other day. They took a salt barrel and filled it with broken pig iron, old weights and other things, put two inches of salt at either head, and rolled it to the curbstone; and at a favorable hour a dray backed up in the most innocent manner and an order from a grocer for a barrel of salt was handed out. The drayman and his two boys fooled around the barrel so long that the strong man got out of his chair in disgust, threw off his coat and said:

"You fellows had better get porous plasters for your backs. Get out of the way and give me a chance!"

He seized the barrel by the chines and lifted away. It didn't move. He spit on his hands and laid out to pull the hoops right off. The hoops stayed right there; so did the barrel.

"It takes four good men to lift one o' them barrels."

"Nonsense! I've lifted a score of them, and I'll pick this up or break my back. I guess the salt must be wet."

He got in position, drew a long breath, and then lifted till his eyes looked like two towels left out on the clothes-line in a dark night. The barrel didn't lift. Pig-iron was too much for muscle, and the lifter sat down on the walk. His back used to be plump up and down, but it hasn't been since that lift. His eyes are getting back to their original positions, and the red is leaving the back of his neck, and he sees two men handle a bag of dried apples or a bushel of beans without a word of comment.—*Detroit Free Press.*

They were very pretty ladies, there was apparently five or six years difference in their ages. As the train pulled up at Bussey, out on the A. K. & D., the younger girl blushed, flattened her nose nervously against the window, and drew back in joyous smiles as a young man came dashing into the car, shook hands tenderly and cordially, insisted on carrying her valise, magazine, little paper bundle, and would probably have carried her had she permitted him. The passengers smiled as she left the car, and the murmur went rippling through the coach: "They're engaged." The other girl sat looking nervously out of the window, and once or twice gathered her parcels together as though she would leave the car, yet seemed to be expecting some one. At last he came. He bulged into the door like a house on fire, looking along the seats until his manly gaze fell on her upturned, expectant face, and roared, "Come on! I've been waiting for you on the platform 15 minutes!" grabbed her basket, and strode out of the car, while she followed with a little valise, a bandbox, a paper bag full of lunch, a bird-cage, a glass jar of jelly preserves, and an extra shawl. And a crusty looking old bachelor in the further end of the car croaked out, in unison with the indignant looks of the passengers, "They're married!"

An Irishman, fresh from the "old country," saw a turtle for the first time, and at once made up his mind to capture it. The turtle caught him by the finger, and he, holding it out at arm's length, said, "Faith and ye had better let loose the howlt ye have, or I'll kick ye out of the very box ye sit in, be jabers."

Watching and Waiting.

With trusting heart, but eager eye,
A maiden fair looks from the gate,
Waiting her lover to espy,
And questions why he comes so late.

And whispering low, she shyly pouts,
"I ne'er shall anxious wait again,
To-morrow he will lead me out,
A happy bride from yonder lane."

A few short years are fled and gone,
And now a weary wife is here,
Who sighing counts the hours creep on
While sick'ning fast with untold fear.

Ah! wretched wife, how sad your fate,
And your home—what a cheerless place,
Where you toil and pray, watch and wait,
Yet dread to see your husband's face.

A warning here I'd briefly state
For many a loving lass,
Give up the man for whom you wait
Because he lingers with the glass.

Nov., 1877. C. B.

OUR BOSTON LETTER.

BOSTON, Dec. 5th, 1877.

I wonder if success often paralyzes? As a rule, I fancy not; but I have heard of one case where it seemed to. A few years ago a young English lady wrote a novel, which to her surprise was an immense success. Some way it seemed to reach everybody's heart, although it was a simple story—therein possibly lay the charm—and like Lord Byron she awoke one morning to find herself famous. Critics praised her, and reviewers failed to find fault with her, while the readers of fiction fell at her feet. The success was so great and so unexpected that it frightened her, and she has never written anything since. No amount of argument or persuasion could induce her to make another attempt. Having won success, she evidently dreads a possible failure. This book, which, by the way, is called "The Lost Love," was sent over to Mr. A. K. Loring with some other of Smith & Elder's publications for circulation from his library. On its arrival it was picked up by Mr. Geo. T. Curtis, who was immensely taken with it. As he was engaged to dine with the Ticknor's he carried the book with him, and left it to make its own impression. There was a perfect furore over it, and so great was the demand that Mr. Loring was induced to undertake a republication. The book has never lost popularity, and is read as much now as on its first appearance. It has always been published in paper covers, but this year Mr. Loring has issued it in cloth in a uniform edition with "Helen's Babies." It is a simple, touching story, most daintily and exquisitely written, and carries an irresistible charm. I don't know that I wonder because the author has not tempted Fame again. She cannot afford to lose what she has so deservedly won, and it is very rarely that first successes are followed up.

The theatres in the city are all given over to comedy of the broadest sort, and there is plenty of fun for all the amusement seekers. Mr. John T. Raymond Sellers is at the Boston, Stuart Robson and Wm. H. Crane are at the Globe, and at the Museum Mr. Fred. Williams's new play, "The Soldier of Fortune," is on the boards. Robson and Crane are bringing out at the Globe J. R. Bradford's "Bachelors," written expressly for them, and was brought out with great success in Philadelphia. Those who have had the good fortune to see it say his play is immensely funny. I am glad that Robson has got hold of something good, for "The Two Men of Sandy Bar," for which he paid Bret Harte such a fabulous price, was a disastrous failure. Harte has pocketed $10,000 by the transaction, the whole of which he compelled Robson to pay before he would allow him to produce the piece. He got well paid for a failure, but then it has long been a peculiarity of Harte's that he has been paid the most for doing the least of any writer of the present time. It would have been infinitely better for his reputation if he, like the wise young authoress of a "Lost Love," had let well enough alone and been content to stop writing when he had nothing more to say.

Theodore Thomas has been giving a series of symphony concerts with his wonderful orchestra, assisted by the original Swedish ladies' quartette and Master Leopold Lichenberg, a young violinist, who is the wonder of all who hear him. Apparently not more than thirteen or fourteen years of age, his playing is something marvelous; he has perfect control of his instrument and plays as though he was inspired, until he fairly bewitches his audiences. The charm of his playing is his perfect absorption—he forgets himself and his surroundings, has no thought of his audiences, and seems perfectly oblivious to the sea of wondering delighted faces in front of him. The musical event of the year is now Thomas's visit; it is looked forward to and anticipated by every true lover of music. Before he came the only symphony concerts we had were the Harvard, and at those, year after year, the same works were presented, until everybody got wearied. The management seemed to think that to try anything new was to forfeit their claims to being classical, as according to the belief of the generation of Bostonians which is being gradually gathered to its fathers, nothing that has not the dust of centuries upon it can possibly produce any merit. It has had for its pocket's sake to alter its opinion, and to give to the public in its later concerts just what it criticized Thomas for giving when he first visited us.

Aldrich's "Queen of Sheba," which has been running in the Atlantic, is issued in book form by J. R. Osgood & Co. It ends happily and leaves everybody satisfied with the *denouement*. The plot is sufficiently odd to be novel, and the inimitable manner of telling the story is Mr. Aldrich's own. The fifth volume of the autobiography series is out. It has the usual introduction by Howells and for a subject Carlo Goldoni, the famous Italian dramatist whom Mr. Howells characterizes as the "Goldsmith of Italy." Next to the Margravine of Baireuth, this is the most entertaining of the series so far published. It is evident from Mr. Howells's somewhat enthusiastic essay that he is in full sympathy with the subject of the memoirs. There is a blitheness that is irresistible in his manner of telling his story. I found the book wonderfully attractive, and am myself personally thankful to Mr. Howells for sharing his delight with the rest of the world. A second volume of Starr King's works, including twelve lectures under the title of "Substance and Show," has just been published by Osgood, uniform with the book of sermons which appeared about two months ago. The volume contains some of his lectures which were immensely popular at the East, and several which were written and delivered in California and which his Eastern admirers never heard, but which they can now have the pleasure of reading. A sad pleasure it is, too, for the rare personal charm of delivery is taken from them, but those who remember Mr. King can invest them with the memory of the writer, and imagine how he would have spoken them.

Christmas is coming, and already preparations for the festival are being made. I am going to show you, by and by, some of the novelties in store for the season.

SALLIE JOY WHITE.

SCHNEIDER'S TOMATOES.

Schneider is very fond of tomatoes. Schneider has a friend in the country who raises "garden sass and sich." Schneider had an invitation to visit his friend, and regale himself on his favorite vegetable. His friend Pfeiffer being busy negotiating with a city produce dealer, on his arrival, Schneider thought he would take a stroll in the garden and see some of his favorites in their pristine beauty. We will let him tell the rest of his story in his own language:

"Vell, I valks shust a liddle vhile roundt, when I sees some off does dermaters vat vas so red und nice as I nefer dit see any more, und I dinks I vill put mineself outside aboud a gouple a tozen, shusht to geef me a liddle abbedite for dinner. So I bulls off von of der reddest and pest looking off dose dermaters, und dakes a booty good bite out of dot, und vas chewing it oup pooty quiek, ven—by chiminy!—I dort I had a piece off red-hot goals in mine mout, or vas chewing oup dwo or dree bapers ov needles; und I velt so pad, already, dot mine eyes vas vool ov tears, und I made vor an 'olt oken bucket,' vot I seen hanging in der vell, as I vas gommin' along.

"Shust den mine vriend Pfeiffer game oup und ask me vot make me veel so padt, und if any ov mine vamily vas dead. I dold him dot I vas der only one ov der vamily dot vas pooty sick; und den I ask him vot kind of dermaters dose vas vot I had shust been picking, und mine eracious, how dot landsman laught, und said dot dose vas red beppers vot he vas raising vor bepper-sauce. You pet my life I vas mat. I radder you geef me feefty tollars as to eat some more of dose bepper-sauce dermaters."—*Charles F. Adams.*

HOW TO COOK OATMEAL.

Very often this nutritious article of diet is objectionable because not properly prepared. When it is to be made as food, select the coarse, recently-ground meal. To a coffee-cupful add a quart of cold water, and mix in a tin vessel holding at least two quarts. The vessel should then be placed in a boiler containing water, and put upon the fire to cook, stirring frequently, and boiled until dry enough to eat as mush, or the meal is well done. It may then be eaten with butter, molasses, milk, cream and sugar, or any other dressing that may be preferred. When thus prepared it will not have that sickly, salvy consistence that makes it objectionable, and people who could not eat it before will now take it with a relish. The finer quality of meal is best adapted to making gruel for acute diseases. People suffering from habitual constipation will find oatmeal once or twice a day a valuable adjunct to other treatment, and far preferable to graham.—*Medical Monthly.*

The palindrome is a line that reads alike both backwards and forwards. One of the best is Adam's first observation to Eve; "Madam, I'm Adam." Another is the story that Napoleon, when at St. Helena, being asked by an Englishman if he could have sacked London, replied, "Able was I ere I saw Elba," the best palindrome, probably, in the language. Years ago, way up north, might have been seen a sign which came very near being an excellent palindrome. It read, "S. Gillings, Yreka Bakery." Now try it backwards.

A little girl could not quite understand why the stars did not shine one night when the rain was pouring down in torrents. She stood at the window pondering on the subject with as much gravity as Galileo when he looked at the swinging lamp in the cathedral of Pisa, and with equal success, for all at once her countenance lighted up, and she said: "Mother, I know why the stars don't shine. God has pulled them all up so as to let the water come through the holes."

JAPANESE PROVERBS.—If you hate any one let him live.

Regard an old man as thy father.

We cannot build a bridge to the clouds.

The world is just as a person's heart makes it.

The tongue three inches long can kill a man six feet high.

If you do not enter the tiger's den, you cannot get her cub.

An old-fashioned minister was preaching in a tight, unventilated church, in which by some means a window was left partly open. A good deacon, during the sermon, closed it. The minister stopped, and turning to the deacon said, in solemn tones, "If I were preaching in a jug I believe you would put the cork in."

"An' zis," remarked MacMahon, extending his hand and smiling affably, "An' zis is ze brave zhonoral zat unto ze men of ze grand United States armee have sade:—'I vill on zis line it fight out no mattaire if it consume ze hole summaire'!"

The best stock you can invest in is farm stock; the best shares, plough shares; the best banks, the fertile banks of rural streams, since the more the latter are broken, the better dividends they return on the investment.

"What is the meaning of a backbiter?" asked a gentleman at a Sunday school examination. This was a puzzler. It went down the class until it came to a simple urchin, who said: "Maybe it's a flea."

The paramount question in the great minds of the day is, whether the ladies will attempt to skate this winter in the small pillow-cases that encompass them; and, if so, what will be the result of a fall?

"My dear," said a husband in startling tones, after awakening his wife in the night, "I have swallowed a dose of strychnine!" "Well, then for goodness sake do lie still, or it may come up."

An Illinois farmer boy, who has tried it, says: "It is hard work to ride a pig, its mane is so short."

Half the discomfort of our life is the result of getting tired of ourselves.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1877.

THERE are fears of another Indian war in Dakota. Indians have been committing various depredations, and Gen. Crook has been sent to look after them.

JUST two bills were passed as a result of the six weeks' extra session of Congress, which adjourned a few moments before the regular session opened Monday. This is truly a formidable showing.

PRESIDENT Hayes talks favorably of woman suffrage, and told some ladies the other day that if Congress should recommend such an amendment to the Constitution for adoption by the States it would meet with his approval.

NOT finding any room to put in another bridge, the county commissioners have voted to build a sidewalk on the south side of the old one at Springfield. But it will only cost about $2000, and will be quite a convenience to foot passengers.

THE Democratic majority in the House has displayed an earnest desire to destroy the credit of the country, and in passing the Silver and Resumption repeal bills it has placed its party before the country as the party of dishonesty and repudiation.

LIKE his predecessor, President Hayes seems to be "a very obstinate man." He has renominated about all the officers who were left unconfirmed at the close of the extra session, including the New York custom officers, whom Senator Conkling is determined shall not be confirmed.

THE way in which an unlimited supply of silver would help the laboring classes was nicely illustrated recently in San Antonio, Texas, where the bank paid the workingmen of the town $50,000 in Mexican dollars, and the next day refused to take them for less than five per cent. discount.

SPRINGFIELD re-elected Mayor Wight on Tuesday by a handsome majority of 701 over district attorney Lathrop, the Democratic candidate, and the full Republican ticket was elected with the exception of two Democratic common councilmen. Holyoke unanimously elected William Whiting for mayor.

THE deposits in the savings banks in the State have fallen off three or four millions this year, which would seem to indicate prolonged hard times among the poorer classes, though on account of the reduction in interest some of this may have been withdrawn for investment in other and more lucrative ways.

SAMUEL BOWLES, editor of the Springfield *Republican*, who has been ill for the past two months, has been hovering between life and death since last Saturday, when he suffered an attack of serous apoplexy, with partial paralysis of the right side. He is growing weaker daily, and there seems no possible hope of his recovery.

THERE are now two General Butlers in Congress, and they say the South Carolina one looks more like a Sunday school superintendent than the leader of a massacre. This is another proof that appearances are sometimes deceitful. But nobody ever accused our Benjamin of either looking or acting like a Sunday school superintendent.

"COLD TEA" is the euphonious term under which Congressmen get their whiskey in the Capitol restaurants. The sale of liquor in the Capitol has been nominally prohibited for several years, but it has been sold steadily in a stealthy manner nevertheless. Now the Vice President and Speaker Randall say this must cease, and we trust they will carry their point.

THE Democrats failed in their efforts last week to get control of the U. S. Senate. They succeeded in seating Butler, of Hamburg massacre notoriety, but the Republicans got in Kellogg of Louisiana also, and still hold the fort. It is expected that Eustis of Louisiana will be admitted shortly, and then for the first time in several years every State will be fully represented in that body.

THE town and city clerks had a fruitless journey to Boston last Saturday after all, as the Attorney General decided upon second thought that it was doubtful whether the Governor and Council had authority to recount the votes for sheriff. The matter was dismissed until further orders, but as yesterday was the last day in which a recount could be had, it is settled that Mr. Sanderson has the office, and Mr. Parks must do what he had better have done in the first place—submit as gracefully as possible.

FROM the report of the Secretary of State, just issued, it appears that the valuation as compared with 1876 has diminished $101,082,773, and there is a decrease of $861,864 in the total tax. There is an increase of 4776 polls; 144 towns and 9 cities report a decrease, and 9 towns the same number as last year. In Hampden county the variations are as follows: Decrease—polls, 393; personal estate, $935,929; real estate, $4,080,129; total tax, $205,278; total valuation, $5,016,058; number of horses, 491; sheep, 252. Increase—number of dwelling houses, 194; cows, 183; number of acres taxed, 1,237. Hampshire county has decreased in these items—polls, 160; personal estate, $342,014; real estate, $565,936; total valuation, $907,950; horses, 148; sheep, 567. Increase—total tax, $5,006; dwelling houses, 38; cows, 234; acres taxed, 66.

The bodies of two lovers were found in the cemetery at Montgomery, Ala., Sunday morning, with a bullet hole in each head. They went to walk Saturday afternoon, and it is supposed killed themselves for some reason.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

President Hayes sent in his first annual message to Congress at the opening of the regular session on Monday. Its reading was listened to with unusual attention in both Houses, especial interest being manifested in the portions relating to finance and his southern policy, and its tone was quite generally commended, though the resumption-repeal men and the silver men are greatly discouraged by the position he takes on these topics.

The President begins with a frank discussion of the withdrawal of troops from the South. He cites the resolutions of the convention which nominated him, in favor of the pacification of the country, as the impelling motive for his acts, and points to the immense improvement at the South, in the peace and order of society and the promotion of prosperity, as conclusive evidences of the success of the course pursued, which he confidently believes will yet be indorsed by the great majority of the American people. In this connection he makes an appeal to the South to confirm practically the rights of the freedmen. From the Southern question the President passes directly to the finances. On this paramount topic he speaks in clear and positive tones, and stands manfully up to the doctrine of his Inaugural Address. He is unalterably opposed to any postponement of the date of resumption, to any "wavering in purpose or unsteadiness in methods" in dealing with this great measure, which involves the prosperity and honor of the Nation. Nothing could be more forcible, more reassuring, more satisfactory in every way than his utterance. It will greatly strengthen the party of hard money and fair dealing, and go far in counteracting the bad effect abroad of the recent vote of the House of Representatives. Upon the Silver question he is equally explicit. Although he is in favor of keeping silver in circulation on equal terms with gold, he would not have it made an unlimited legal-tender, even in private commercial transactions, while he rejects altogether, as inconsistent with good faith as well as a sound financial policy, the idea of making it applicable to the payment of the interest or principal of any part of the public debt. The practical upshot of this part of the message is, that he will veto any bill which makes silver an unlimited legal-tender, or which provides for its payment to the outstanding public creditors, or which would make it anything more than a subsidiary coinage so related to the value of gold as not to drive the latter out of our monetary system.

The President reiterates his main principles with regard to Civil Service reform. His experience in Executive duties has confirmed him in the belief that the country would derive great advantage from a return to the plan of the Constitution in keeping distinct the respective powers of the Executive and the Senate over appointments, and he remarks apologetically that "no system can be expected to secure absolute freedom from mistakes, and the beginning of any attempted change of custom is quite likely to be more embarrassed in this respect than any subsequent period." He has a good word for the Civil Service Commission, and recommends an appropriation to continue its labors. In regard to the tariff, he advises a tax of ten cents a pound on tea and two cents a pound on coffee, from which would be produced a revenue of more than $12,000,000, and thus enable Congress to repeal a multitude of annoying taxes, yielding a revenue not exceeding that sum. The Mexican troubles are briefly referred to, and a strengthening of the army by recruiting the infantry and artillery companies is favored, as also a more just and humane policy toward the Indians. The Message ends with recommendations for the establishment of a National University at Washington, the foundation of a National Museum under the supervision of the Smithsonian Institution, and several other projects connected with popular education.

FACTS, FASHIONS AND FOIBLES.

—New note-paper is tilleul tinted.
—Doctors are very scarce in Russia.
—Indian summer was a damp delusion.
—Wide striped silks are again in fashion.
—The Pope's health is as varied as possible.
—Senator Blaine has returned to Washington.
—The mania for decorating pottery still rages.
—Ex-Marshal Bazaine is still living at Madrid.
—Boston is to have a Latin school for girls only.
—A Texas boy has died from the bite of a rabid fox.
—The public debt decreased $1,323,634 in November.
—Gen. Sherman receives about $18,000 per annum.
—The Indians generally destroy their deformed children.
—The rage for baby shows promises to become epidemic.
—Brigham young's grave is still watched day and night.
—Panels for doors and tables are being made of plate glass.
—Velvet galloon is the richest trimming for stylish dresses.
—An opium-smoking house has been established at Deadwood.
—The coming dress will clear the ground all around. Good!
—Round waists with belts are on the handsomest imported dresses.
—A Virginia lad died 84 hours after eating a pint of raw chestnuts.
—Pompons and high aigrettes are again used for hats and bonnets.
—The favorite shades for gentlemen's gloves are fawn and leather colors.
—Religious exercises have been prohibited in the New Haven public schools.
—A wild deer was shot on the street in Ticonderoga, N. Y., a few days ago.
—An international exhibition of fine arts will be opened at Madrid in January.
—General M. C. Butler has not heretofore been identified as General Butler, M. C.
—Two widowers in Berry county, Texas, married each other's daughter recently.
—A camel race is to be run in Sutro, Nev., which will be followed by a five-mile-race against horses.
—An over-confident hawk attempted to carry off a gilded rooster from a church steeple in Raleigh, N. C.
—Pedometers are unique pocket-pieces; when carried in the pocket they indicate upon a dial the distance walked.
—The latest thing in culinary styles is the six-button pancake with embroidery of red currant jelly on the back.
—It is the custom now to buy two wedding rings instead of one. The groom wears one now, as well as the bride.
—Jules Ferry, the French Republican leader, is said to be threatened with insanity from the excessive use of hair dye.
—Two Siamese twin oysters were recently found in the Chesapeake. They were joined by a ligature running from heart to heart.
—The new Parisian winter bonnets are made of soft, undressed leather and chamois skin. These come in all shades, and are trimmed with the same material as velvet bonnets.

Rev. S. V. Douglass, a colored clergyman of Lynn, has been arrested on a charge of seduction and gross immorality.

LOCAL BUSINESS NOTICES.

Hitchcock has Lyon's Metallic Heel Stiffeners. Ask for them.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Fine weather for colds this week.

The favorite color for tom cats is "yeller."

The warm weather this week has thawed out the organ grinders.

The schools re-opened, after their Thanksgiving vacation, Monday.

The Amherst College Glee Club is expected to visit us again this season.

Stockings are being darned and strengthened in preparation for Christmas.

Next Monday evening Miss Mary Dewey will entertain the Young People's Society.

Adjourned social of the Ladies' Society in the Baptist vestry next Wednesday evening.

The High school opens this week with over fifty scholars, every available seat being occupied.

E. J. Wood, paper hangings and crockery, removes to the new store in Allen block, Jan. 1st.

Be careful how you turn over in bed. A Vermont man broke his leg in doing so the other day.

C. L. Gardner was appointed assignee at a meeting of the creditors of Charles Varney of Brimfield on Tuesday.

Sunday school classes are being quite largely augmented just now. The small boy scents Christmas ahead.

The season of the year has arrived when you begin to appreciate a visit from the man who leaves the door open.

Persons who are in the habit of writing "bye and bye" are affectionately invited to consult Webster's unabridged.

The temperature last Sunday was not particularly suggestive of Spring's ethereal mildness, but it has been since that.

It is suggested that some of the lamp posts in the village be painted white, so as to be more easily avoided on dark nights.

The "sweet by and by" is now denominated "the millenium with sugar in it," or "the saccharated millenium," as you choose.

The Boston & Albany conductors are ordered to sharply observe the rule to punch a mile on mileage tickets for every fraction of a mile traveled.

The Christmas fair of the Y. P. Society comes off on the 21st inst. at their vestry, and the Universalists hold a festival on the 19th in Wales Hall.

The auction sale of the Clara Mather property in Monson, which was to have come off on Wednesday, was adjourned to next Monday, at 2 o'clock p. m.

A social assembly, the first of a projected series, under the management of F. B. Perkins, was held at the Tockwotton House, Friday evening, 7th inst.

The boys go mournfully about the streets, plaintively muttering, "'Now is the winter of our discontent'—no snow, no ice, no sliding, no skating, no snow'balling, no—no nothing!"

The Excelsior Club will open their doors to the public at their meeting in Union Hall next Monday evening at 7 o'clock, and invite their friends to come and listen to their literary exercises.

Mrs. Jones Hamilton of this place contemplates a trip to North Carolina shortly with some other ladies, to initiate the ladies of that State into the mysteries of the art of photo-enamel.

A frightened horse snapped off a hitching post in front of the JOURNAL office Thursday morning, and was so surprised that he started to run backwards, but soon gave up in despair at his slow progress.

The stores are filling up with holiday goods and the church societies are busily arranging for the usual fairs, festivals, dinners, suppers, and so on, with which to wind up the old year and usher in the new.

While returning from a visit to friends in Monson last Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Murphy with their child were thrown from their carriage by the breaking of an axle, and Mr. Murphy received slight injuries.

For the benefit of numerous anxious young men we will state that the fashionable engagement ring is the Gipsy ring, in which a precious stone is buried in the heavy gold, leaving only the surface of the jewel exposed.

Three of the teachers at the State Primary School—Mrs. Dart, Miss Goodell and Miss Belden—resigned Dec. 1st, and are now stopping with friends in this village. Mrs. Dart has been connected with the school nearly 15 years.

Engineer Adams of the Ware River road is happy in the return of his old locomotive, the "Springfield," which went through the fire in the machine shops in Springfield. A new steel fire box and new flues have been placed in the engine, and other repairs and paint make it as good as new.

Tickets go on sale to-day for the P. D. C. drama next Wednesday evening. Their selection is entitled "Time and the Hour," and is expected to bring out their best actors and acting—a full house only being asked to insure a complete success. The Club talk of giving a social assembly New Year's Eve.

Wilcox Post of the G. A. R. will produce the Revolutionary drama, "The Patriot Sons of '76," in Springfield Music Hall next week, as announced in another column, for the benefit of soldiers' widows and orphans. The Post have produced the "Drummer Boy" and other plays with great success heretofore, and will doubtless render this new play with great skill.

About forty relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bailey, mostly from Springfield, made them a surprise visit Monday evening and helped them celebrate the 25th anniversary of their marriage. Principal Baldwin of the High school and his wife furnished music, and Mrs. Baldwin also read a few choice selections, for the entertainment of the company.

Six persons, all told, were present at the opening of the Lyceum debate, Thursday evening, on the annexation of Canada, but a dozen more dropped in during its progress. Next week extemporaneous exercises will fill the bill, short speeches being expected from Hon. C. L. Gardner, Deputy Sheriff Randall, G. H. Appleton, Esq., and Principal Childs of the Three Rivers grammar school—the themes to be announced when they are called upon the floor.

The supreme court on Monday granted divorces to George Morton of Palmer from Lottie Morton, and Susan Thurston from J. H. Thurston. The Wilbraham woolen corporation was dissolved, and the court granted the appeal from the probate court of Melissa Brown of this town, who wished to reopen the accounts of M. W. French, trustee under the will of the late James Dimmock of Wales, and examine them in relation to some of the investments.

Geo. T. Hill, who was settled pastor of the Unitarian church in Ware in1852, and subsequently became superintendent of the Otis mills in Ware, and still later superintendent of the mills at Thorndike, a director of the Ware River Railroad and was first president of the Palmer Savings Bank, died of consumption last Saturday at Bridgton, N. J. Mr. Hill went to Bernardston from Palmer, where he lived for several years on a small farm.

At the annual meeting of the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society on Monday the following officers were chosen: President, Jacob Stever; Vice Presidents, Geo. Moores, H. P. Holden; secretary and treasurer, O. P. Allen; directors, J. A. Squier, O. W. Studley, Charles E. Dewey of Palmer, H. M. Perry of Belchertown, Charles Burley, Mr. McCrea of Wilbraham, W. M. Tucker and E. B. Keep of Monson.

Ellen McManamy was appointed administratrix on the estate of Patrick McManamy at Tuesday's session of the probate court. Accounts were rendered on the estates of Anson B. Parker of Brimfield and Eunice B. King of Ludlow. A report was received from the commissioners of the insolvent estate of Benjamin Wallace of Monson. Patrick Moran of Wilbraham was granted leave to adopt Henry Taylor, with change of name to Henry Taylor Moran.

S. Leach of this place is to build the new poor house at the Center. The main building will be 32x24 feet, two stories high, with a story-and-a-half ell 52x26, containing eleven sleeping rooms for the paupers. It is to be completed the first of March, and the price to be paid is $1994. There were eleven bids, ranging as high as $3300. Levi Moody of Springfield was the lowest bidder ($1967) but did not seem inclined to accept the job without some modifications.

DEATH FROM A CAT BITE.

On the 20th of September last Elbridge E. Cabot of Enfield, a prominent citizen, and one of the selectmen, was bitten on the hand by his pet cat. A day or two later a five-year-old boy living with Mr. Cabot was also bitten in the hand and ankle by the same cat, and it had to be killed before its hold on the boy's ankle could be loosed. The news of the boy's experience was soon noised abroad, but Mr. Cabot kept quiet about his own bite and appeared as usual, though soon after the boy was bitten he asked Dr. Towne about the symptoms of hydrophobia, and listened with deep interest to an account of Prof. Alvergnat's case at Hartford last May. The first of last week he began to feel ill and on Wednesday consulted Dr. Thompson of Belchertown, finally asking him if he saw any symptoms of hydrophobia. The doctor told him no, and gave him chloral, which quieted him until Thursday evening, when he began to rave, broke away from his attendants, and it took several men some time to capture him and bind him to his bed. On Friday he was rational and made his will, but said he should die a terrible death in a day or two. He consented to have his hands handcuffed and his ankles confined by straps, and though he displayed some symptoms of hydrophobia he had no more convulsions, but died quietly Sunday afternoon. The case has caused much excitement in the vicinity, but the general impression is that his death resulted from imagination rather than from actual poison from the cat bite, as he had a peculiarly nervous temperament, and his symptoms throughout closely resembled those of Prof. Alvergnat, whose case he had studied so earnestly. Mr. Cabot was 55 years old, and was a bachelor in comfortable circumstances.

WARREN.

Rev. S. J. Austin, late of this place, was on Wednesday installed as pastor of the Cong. church at Chicopee Falls.

WILBRAHAM.

The winter term of the Academy opened on Wednesday.

Miss Edith Hempstead gives a reading at Ludlow to-night.

The new hotel will be ready for occupancy the 1st of next month.

ENFIELD.

A special town meeting has been called to elect a selectman in place of E. E. Cabot, deceased.

John Foley was severely injured in the face and head by the premature explosion of a blast Monday afternoon.

Frederick Foster, a young mechanic, fell from a staging 30 feet to the ground on Monday and received a compound fracture of the left arm above the elbow.

THORNDIKE.

Last Saturday evening we had the pleasure of listening to a very interesting lecture in Sovereign's Hall by N. Dumont, Esq., of the Agricultural department of North Carolina, giving a description of the State, with its agricultural resources, its water powers, mines, etc., with a view to emigration. The hall was well filled with earnest listeners, who were well pleased with the address, judging from the way they hovered around the lecturer at its close. NIX.

GRANBY.

George Weatherby and Alvin Torrey have been drawn to go to Boston as jurors.

Mrs. Sidney Bartlett, who cut her throat in a fit of temporary insanity recently, is improving, and will probably recover.

Mrs. Emily C. Fuller, wife of John Fuller, of this town, who was married only a few months ago, died quite suddenly last week.

The young people have organized a lyceum, with Chas. Hunt for president, Frank Forward vice president, Helen Kellogg secretary, and Delia Chapin manager of paper.

BELCHERTOWN.

F. H. Bridgman has opened a fish market in the basement of Bridgman's block.

At the annual meeting of Vernon Lodge on Wednesday eve the following officers were chosen: Wm. H. Bridgman, W. M.; Eliot Bridgman, S. W.; Eugene Bridgman, J. W.; Calvin Bridgman, treas.; R. E. Fairchilds, secy.; S. M. Warren, chaplain; Loman Smith, S. D.; E. M. Shaw, J. D.; C. L. Kibbee, S. S.; H. S. Thomas, J. S.; W. F. Caster, M.; Dexter Winter, O.; Guy C. Allen, tyler. Installed by Past Master W. E. Bridgman of Vernon Lodge.

BONDVILLE.

For pies, bread, and all kinds of pastry call on Morse & Perant.

Members of the cornet band are making arrangements for an entertainment in the near future.

Arrangements are being made for an entertainment Christmas night, to be held in the church vestry.

Mr. Wight, who has been postmaster for twenty-eight years, has resigned in favor of E. Murdock, who has received the appointment.

One of our villagers having a quantity of fresh meat he wished to preserve, hung it in a tree to freeze, but what was his surprise and consternation to find it missing the next morning.

WEST WARREN.

Five persons were received in full connection into the Methodist church Sunday, and one was taken on probation.

Rev. James Tufts of Monson filled the Congregational pulpit last Sabbath, as Rev. A. H. Somes remained unable to preach.

C. L. Carter recently run a sliver an inch long into the palm of his hand; after remaining there a week, making a very painful wound, it was removed last week.

Dr. Bixby of Petersham is to succeed Dr. Kendrick in the practice of medicine, and his office will be at the late residence of Dwight Ellis on Chapel street.

The grocery store of J. C. King & Bros. has been closed for a week, on account of financial complications. But it is expected the affair will be settled and the firm proceed as usual.

HOLLAND.

The farmers are cutting the winter and the next summer stock of fuel for family use, and the sound of the woodman's axe may be heard in all directions gathering logs for the saw mill.

Frank E. Kinney, postmaster and town clerk of this town, is prostrated with an ulcerated sore throat and threatened with typhoid fever, causing him great inconvenience in his business.

Mr. A. L. Foskett has been unfortunate enough to lose a valuable 4-year-old colt of great promise. During one of his playful moods he reared upon his hind legs to almost a perpendicular position, then suddenly came down with such force as to break one of the bones of the fore legs, making it necessary for the owner to kill him. C. B. A.

COLLINS DEPOT.

H. W. Kimball bid off the South Wilbraham woolen mill for $15,000, at auction.

The village is being beautified by the addition of three street lamps in front of Hurlbut & Hollister's block.

A house full of Miss Ella Brooks's friends gave her a surprise visit Thursday night in honor of her 13th birthday.

Dr. Squires of this village has been obliged to open a branch office in Indian Orchard to accommodate his business there, and will be there every afternoon.

M. Danks has purchased of Mr. Baldwin the lot where the blacksmith shop now stands, and will put up a large house on it in the spring. It has been considered the most desirable lot in the village.

Some 200 or more men and boys have been collecting pans and tin horns for the past week, and Thursday night serenaded Grandpa Collins and his bride. The noise had the desired effect, and cider was freely passed around.

THREE RIVERS.

Mrs. Luey Ball, wife of Charles D. Ball, a former resident of this village, committed suicide at the house of Samuel L. Jenks in Meriden Township, Ill., on the 17th ult., by taking strychnine. A number of years ago Mr. and Mrs. Ball lived in this place, Mr. Ball holding the position of overseer in the mill. They were devotedly attached to each other, and were highly esteemed by a large circle of friends. From this place they moved to Chicopee Falls, where Mr. Ball shortly became enamored of a young woman, neglected his wife, and finally deserted her, and is reported to be still living in Lowell or thereabouts with the same woman, whom he subsequently married. Mrs. Ball eventually went to live with her sister, Mrs. Jenks, and has been there for the past eight years, and since her sister's death has been almost as a mother to the orphaned children. But her trials had worn deeply upon her, and she had been subject to seasons of despondency, amounting almost to insanity at times. On the night of the 16th ult. the family were awakened by screams issuing from her room, and she was found in convulsions, and died early the following morning, with every symptom of strychnine poison; and upon searching, an empty strychnine bottle was found in her bureau drawer. She was undoubtedly insane when she took the fatal dose.

MONSON.

The Academy began its winter term Wednesday.

Revival meetings are being held at the M. E. church.

A. D. Norcross gives a parlor concert next Monday evening.

W. K. Flynt has removed his office to the basement of Green's hotel.

A new cross walk from Cushman's hotel to the Bank and straw shop is a decided improvement.

Merrick and Fay are getting their straw works well under way, with the promise of a good season.

Arba Squier bought at auction the old school house, No. 4, for $16. A handsome new one takes its place.

Arba Squier has three houses well agoing on Washington street, and applicants for tenants are numerous about these days.

The weather has been so propitious that painting and fixing up by many of our citizens is still kept up, and the improvements in our village are such as indicate thrift and prosperity.

Work is brisk at Flynt & Co.'s quarries. They are at work now getting out stone for a new Catholic church in New York. They are to furnish 20,000 cubic feet of stone and have a year to do it in.

The register of deeds has recorded these mortgages given the Monson Savings bank—one of James H. Davis on land in Monson, $400, and one of Jacob C. Lutz on lot in Springfield, $1500.

The following are additional names of scholars neither absent nor tardy last term: No. 1, primary—Thomas Callahan, John McGuire, Charles Roode, Nellie McGuire, Schools No. 1, 3 and 4 commence next Monday.

BRIMFIELD.

The sudden changes of weather have caused some sickness in this vicinity, though not of a serious nature, but enough to put those who are in health on their guard and prepare against contingencies in the frequent sudden changes in the climate.

Although Thanksgiving day was stormy and cheerless outside, the usual amount of visiting and gratulations were given and received by relatives and friends who had met to renew their friendship and cement more firmly the bond of affection.

Last Sunday, the first one of winter, the sun shone out with great brilliancy, and the church was well filled. Rev. Mr. Peirce exchanged pulpits with Rev. Mr. Sumner of Monson, who gave us a good practical discourse suited to the times of forty-five years ago when the good Dr. Ely, the Christian pastor of that day, was in the zenith of his usefulness; but these are days of progress, and clergymen are expected to keep pace with the progressive age. We think the change was in Monson's favor.

The secret is solved; the two mysterious ladies who appeared *in cog.* for a limited space of time at Monroe's hall on Friday evening, the 23d ult., are now currently reported to have been the Duchess and a lady friend who assumed the character of Lady Gay Spanker in London Assurance for that night only. Secret agents had volunteered to convey word to her ladyship that no less a personage than Lord Nelson (not of Trafalgar memory, but of modern times, one who had not snuffed the smoke of gun powder or villainous saltpetre, but has traveled over many bright and sunny climes), would be there. But he did not put in his appearance, and great was the disappointment; instead of bewitching smiles and jocund repartee, dark frowns and perverseness clouded the fair brow, and an order was instantly given to the groom in waiting to hitch up and drive back to the old family mansion in double quick, subject only to Caudle lectures. INDEX.

WARE AND VICINITY.

George C. Fenn of this place is teaching the high and grammar school at West Brookfield.

Henry Connell fractured his collar bone and severely bruised his sides and back, last Monday forenoon, by being caught between two freight cars. At last accounts he was improving, but it will be a long day before he will be able to be out again.

Richard Mardock, a man about 55 years old, was struck by the down train at five o'clock Tuesday afternoon, near No. 1 mill crossing, Gilbertville, dislocating his shoulder and bruising his back to a jelly. It is thought that the injury will prove fatal, as he has also internal injuries.

"The Temperance Doctor" drew a full house on Thanksgiving evening, and netted about $35 for the Reform Club. The acting was very good, and most of the characters were very well sustained. We understand that the Young People's Dramatic Society are making preparations for another play and will put it upon the stage in a short time.

Messrs. H. H. Rowley & Co., of Boston, are completing a bird's-eye view of Ware, which is taken as from a balloon southeast from the depot, and with remarkable precision. It shows the architectural design of every building, be it church, dwelling or manufactory. Mr. Rowley is here completing the view and will canvass the village. If a sufficient subscription can be raised to warrant its publication, it will immediately be transferred to stone and be ready for issue in about three months. The subscription price is $3, payable on delivery of view. Manufacturers and business men will at once see the point for advertising purposes.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

The quiet town of Sheffield, up in Berkshire county, was horrified last Friday morning by the discovery that Mr. and Mrs. David Stillman, a worthy couple aged about 70, had been foully murdered the night before. The murdered man was found on the lounge with his head smashed in, and his wife was at the foot of the cellar stairs with her head cut open by an ax, which lay near by. John Ten Eyck, a colored man, met a boy near Stillman's the night before and asked if he could buy butter there, and a pail of butter, with steelyards beside it, was found on the table. Ten Eyck was arrested and lodged in jail at Pittsfield. Blood was found on his clothes. He denies all knowledge of the deed, but has a bad character, and has been in jail twice before. A fire had been started in the attic of the house with kerosene, and had charred the woodwork. Ten Eyck had a hearing at Great Barrington on Thursday, and was bound over to await the action of the grand jury next month. He narrowly escaped lynching by the incensed crowd as he was being taken from the court room. They had a rope ready for him, and the determined attitude of the officers with drawn revolvers was all that saved his neck.

A prominent citizen of Northampton upon inquiring into his son's lavish expenditure of money recently, found that it was part of $100 hush money paid him by a prominent merchant as the price of the boy's silence in reference to an unfortunate situation in which the boy had accidentally discovered his mother and the merchant not long ago. The father was dumbfounded, and rumors of lawsuits and a separation are current.

Dr. W. J. Sawin of Chicopee Falls fell dead of apoplexy in Masonic hall in Springfield Monday evening. He was to have been installed eminent commander of the Knights Templar, and at the opening of the meeting was sitting by the secretary's desk putting on some gloves, when he leaned forward, breathed heavily two or three times, and fell dead.

One day last week Mary Leary of Lawrence, a loose woman, enticed a girl named Bridget Murphy into her house, stupefied her with liquor, and then burned her terribly about the thighs with a red hot poker, finishing up by tearing the skin from the seared parts. It was done to spite the girl's mother.

Mr. Downs, a respectable mechanic, on inquiring the other day for his wife at the Brooklyn Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., found that she had died two days before, and that the doctors were illegally cutting her body up in the dissecting room. He had not been notified of her death.

A brakeman got his foot caught in a frog at Torrens Station on the Pennsylvania railroad last Saturday, and while the conductor was trying to release him a freight train struck and killed them both.

Charles R. McGill, of Cleveland, being jealous of his mistress, shot her ten times with a revolver last Sunday, and when arrested coolly narrated his horrible crime, and then called for supper.

Henry Blackman, living near Beamingham, Mich., shot his mother and sister dead last Saturday and burned the house and barn, as the result of a quarrel about the property.

A man in St. Albans on Saturday last wound a coil of lead pipe around his neck, jumped into a rain water cistern and was drowned. He was temporarily insane.

Mrs. John Riley of Elizabeth, N. J., in a fit of rage poured four pailfuls of boiling water over an orphan girl employed by her, Thursday and she will probably die.

Charles Schmitz, a New York jeweler, had a quarrel with his lady-love Monday evening, and putting a vial of cyanide of potassium to his lips he was soon dead.

A brutal tramp shot a lady in the thigh at New Market Junction, N. H., Saturday last because she refused him money after giving the fellow a breakfast.

The steamer Lotus, from Red River for New Orleans, was burned the other day, two of her crew being burned to death and nine drowned.

Another terrible ocean disaster is reported from Chili in the sinking of the steamer Atacoma, with all but 18 of the 90 passengers and crew.

M. E. Durkee, living near Auburn, N. Y., and one of the jurymen who voted to acquit Cora Young, has now eloped with her.

The bodies of Commander Ryan and more than sixty others who perished with the wreck of the Huron have been recovered.

William Bogue of Saybrook Point, Ct., was fatally shot Monday morning by one Mahoney, a quarrelsome neighbor.

In Waterford, Pa., three men have been promptly sent to prison for five years for tarring and feathering a woman.

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We are authorized to guarantee this remedy for the cure of Dyspepsia, Inactive Liver, Sour Stomach, Constipation, Loss of Appetite, Coming up of food, Yellow Skin and General Languor and Debility. You must acknowledge that this would be ruinous unless we had positive evidence it will *cure*. You who are suffering from these complaints these words are addressed—and will you continue to suffer when you can be cured on such terms?—It is for you to determine. Sample bottle 10 cents; regular size 75 cents. Sold by G. H. APPLETON.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF of Coughs and Colds, use the popular remedy, *Madame Porter's Cough Balsam*, one of the best and cheapest medicines sold; its virtues have been tested by thousands for many years in the treatment of all diseases of the throat and lungs, and is confidently offered as a reliever of those diseases. Price 25, 50 and 75 cents a bottle. 4w35

BORN.

At Palmer, 6th, a son to PATRICK WATTS; same day, a daughter to CHARLES E. FISH.
At Palmer, 22d ult., a daughter to GEO. A. STONE; 1st, a daughter to JAMES LAWLER.
At Ludlow, 29th ult., a daughter to GILLEN D. and JULIA ATCHINSON.
At Northampton, 30th ult., a son to H. C. AYRES.

MARRIED.

At Belchertown, 28th ult., by Rev. P. W. Lyman, CHARLES E. ROGERS of Westboro and EMMA D. WILEY.
At Warren, 28th ult., by Rev. F. Nichols, CHAS. W. JOHNSON and EMMA TUPPER, both of West Brookfield.
At Hardwick, 4th, by A. E. Knight, Esq., ALBERT S. STURTEVANT and SUSAN R. RICHARDSON.
At Holyoke, 28th ult., GEORGE H. PRAY and LUCY M. BRIGGS; 29th ult., JOHN HUNTER and DELIA E. GODDARD, and CHARLES A. BRYANT of Chicopee and SARAH A. FOSS.
At Springfield, 28th ult., E. W. COOK of Ashland and MARY E. HOLTON; 29th ult., G. B. MURRAY of Boston and ETTA J., daughter of Henry Dana; 29th ult., WILLIAM J. FULLER and EMMA E. CLOUGH; 5th, W. P. JANES of Philadelphia and MARY D. WATERMAN.

DIED.

At Granby, 29th ult., EMILY, 22, wife of John Fuller, Jr.
At Northampton, 2d, ROSA M., 34, wife of R. V. Cooley.
At Springfield, 2d, FRANCES E. LOOMIS, 52, widow of Calvin L. Loomis; 3d, ELLEN, 29, wife of James Henry.
At Meriden, Ill., 17th ult, Mrs. LUCY BALL, 42.
At Hartford, Ct., 4th, suddenly of heart disease, SOPHRONIA, 63, widow of Lambert Allen, formerly of Palmer. The remains were taken to Ludlow for interment.
At Hardwick, 5th, suddenly of dropsy of the heart, CONSTANT SOUTHWORTH, 63.
At Bridgton, N. J., 1st, of consumption, GEORGE T. HILL, 63, formerly of Ware and Palmer.

WANTED.—A Copy of the **HISTORICAL ADDRESS** Delivered by Rev. Thomas Wilson at the centennial anniversary of the incorporation of the town of Palmer. Inquire at
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DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS.—The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of Charles Varney of Brimfield, in said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt. CHARLES L. GARDNER, Assignee.
Palmer, Dec. 5, 1877. 3w37

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During this month we will offer special inducements in BLACK SILKS. We have bought within the past few weeks large quantities at a very low price, with the intention of carrying them over until spring. In order to reduce the stock somewhat, we will until Christmas offer our entire stock of
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN, ss.
November 27th, A. D. 1877.
By virtue of an execution which issued on a judgment recovered at the Superior Court, holden at Springfield within and for said county, on the fourth Monday of October, to wit, on the sixteenth day of November, A. D. 1877, in favor of Timothy D. Potter and Philip H. Potter, copartners under the style of T. D. & P. H. Potter, both of Palmer, in our county of Hampden, and against Margaret Carrol of said Palmer, I have taken the lands that the said Margaret Carrol had on the twentieth day of January, A. D. 1877, the day when the same was attached on mesne process, situated in said Palmer, and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point on the easterly side of the highway leading from the village of Three Rivers, in said Palmer, to Belchertown, and in said Three Rivers, at the southwest corner of land now or formerly of John Wilson; thence easterly on land last named four to ten rods to the road leading northeasterly from said highway, thence along said road ten rods to a corner, thence southwesterly on said road four rods to the first named highway, thence along said highway ten rods to the place of departure, containing about one-fourth of one acre, with the buildings thereon, being the same premises described in a deed thereof recorded in Hampden registry of deeds, book 334, page 494, and on the thirty-first day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in front of my office in the Depot village of said Palmer, I shall offer said lands for sale by public auction to the highest bidder.
GEO. W. RANDALL, Deputy Sheriff.
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THE WARE NATIONAL BANK.—The fourteenth annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at their Banking House in Ware, on Tuesday, the 8th day of January, 1878, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the choice of directors, and for any other business that may legally come before the meeting.
W. S. HYDE, Cashier.
Ware, Dec. 8, 1877. 4w37

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A rare chance to buy a good home.
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50 pairs	10—4 Blankets,	at $1.50
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50 "	11—4 California super Blankets,	5.50

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2 Ruffle Felt Skirts at 40 cents, worth $1.00.
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The Inducements we offer this Season
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ALL THOSE THAT PAY CASH
for what they buy to obtain the greatest possible return for the least possible outlay, especially in these times, we have decided to offer these great bargains for the coming week.
Call early, and secure a choice of selection.
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J. A. BALDWIN
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NOTICE.—I have given my son, CHARLES, his time, and I shall pay no bills of his contracting after this date. FRANCIS GREGOIRE.
Wales, Nov. 17, 1877. 3w35*

The Grumbler.

His Youth.

His coat was too thick and his cap was too thin;
He couldn't be quiet, he hated a din;
He hated to write, and he hated to read,
He was certainly very much injured indeed;
He must study and work over books he detested,
His parents were strict, and he never was rested;
He knew he was wretched as wretched could be,
There was no one so wretchedly wretched as he.

His Maturity.

His farm was too small and his taxes too big,
He was selfish and lazy, and cross as a pig;
His wife was too silly, his children too rude;
And just because he was uncommonly good,
He never had money enough or to spare,
He had nothing at all fit to eat or to wear;
He knew he was wretched as wretched could be,
There was no one so wretchedly wretched as he.

His Old Age.

He finds he has sorrows more deep than his fears,
He grumbles to think he has grumbled for years;
He grumbles to think he has grumbled away
His home and his fortune, his life's little day.
But, alas! 'tis too late—it is no use to say
That his eyes are too dim, and his hair is too gray,
He knows he is wretched as wretched can be,
There is no one more wretchedly wretched than he.

—*Dora Goodale (10 years old), St. Nicholas for Dec.*

A writer on health says:—Celery is the greatest food in the world for nerves. Persons doing much brain work find it invaluable. In cities where the brain and nerves are called to severe exercise, people hunger for it, and the demand for it grows so that ignorant people cannot understand why it should be so. It seems as though nature in her quiet way finds and materializes out of herself food or recuperation for all parts of the system that are exhausted in the demand for progress. Where people work their muscles more than their brains, beans, corn, meat and such food is most in demand, and celery is not in much demand. But in cities appetite clamors for something that will repair the waste of brain and nerve, and do the weary parts the most and quickest good.

A Montreal man went to California twenty years ago and never wrote back to his wife. She deemed him dead, and married again. The second husband died, and last spring she took a third. Now, the first returns and claims her. She has separated from the third, but intends to return to him if she can get a divorce from the first.

The most politic, because the most effectual way of governing in a family is for the husband to lay aside his supremacy occasionally; so in public as well as in private life, that king will be the most popular who does not at all times exercise his full prerogative.

"Is Governor Rice in?" inquired a seedy-looking man of the clerk of the Brunswick, Boston, a few nights ago. "Yes," said the clerk, "yes, he is." "Well," said the man, walking out, "I'm glad of it; it's a wet night and he might catch cold if he was out."

A Norwich colored girl interpreted the Scripture literally and attempted to cut off her right hand—an offending member—the other day. She was forcibly prevented from carrying out her design, though not until she had badly wounded herself.

Be not afraid to confess that you have been in the wrong. It is but owning what you need not be ashamed of, that you have now more sense than you had before, to see your error, more humility to acknowledge it, and more grace to correct it.

Cruel little boy in the public school traps a mouse and cages him up in a fig-box with six healthy hornets. Teacher comes round the corner. Boy hides box inside shirt. Lid of fig-box comes off. Grand *pas seul*, with music by the boy.

Many people judge the value of newspapers by their size. The larger the paper the better it is, in their estimation; and according to their judgment, a copper cent is of much greater value than a gold dollar because it is larger.

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In the surveyed portion of Minnesota there are 4999 lakes, with an aggregate area of 1,500,000 acres, and it is estimated that there are 2000 more lakes in the unsurveyed section of the State, or 7000 in all.

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If We Had But a Day.

We should fill the house with the sweetest things
If we had but a day;
We should drink alone at the purest springs
In our upward way;
We should love with a lifetime's love in an hour
If the hours were few; [power
We should rest, not for dreams, but for fresher
To be and to do.

We should guide our wayward or wearied wills
By the clearest light;
We should keep our eyes on the heavenly hills
If they lay in sight;
We should trample the pride and the discontent
Beneath our feet;
We should take whatever a good God sent
With a trust complete.

We should waste no moments in weak regret
If the day were but one,
If what we remember and what we forget
Went out with the sun;
We should be from our clamorous selves set free
To work or to pray,
And to be what the Father would have us to be,
If we had but a day.

—*Mary Lowe Dickinson.*

ONLY A HUSK.

Tom Darcey, yet a young man, had grown to be a very bad one. At heart he might have been all right, if his head and his will had only been all right; but these being wrong, the whole machine was going to the bad very fast, though there were times when the heart felt something of its old truthful yearnings. Tom had lost his place as foreman in the great machine shop, and what money he had now earned came from odd jobs of tinkering which he was able to do, here and there, at private houses; for Tom was a genius as well as a mechanic, and when his head was steady enough, he could mend a clock, or clean a watch, as well as he could set up and regulate a steam engine—and this latter he could do better than any other man ever employed by the Scott Falls Manufacturing Company.

One day Tom had a job to mend a broken mowing machine and reaper, for which he received five dollars, and on the following morning he started out for his old haunt—the village tavern. He knew his wife sadly needed the money, and that his two little children were in absolute suffering from want of clothing, and that morning he held a debate with the better part of himself; but the better part had become very weak and shaky, and the demon of appetite carried the day.

So away to the tavern Tom went, where, for two or three hours, he felt the exhilarating effects of the alcoholic draught, and fancied himself happy, as he could sing and laugh; but, as usual, stupefaction followed, and the man died out. He drank while he had stand, and then lay down in a corner, where his companions left him.

It was late at night, almost midnight, when the landlord's wife came into the bar-room to see what kept her husband up, and she quickly saw Tom.

"Peter," said she, not in a pleasant mood, "why don't you send that miserable Tom Darcey home? He's been hanging around here long enough."

Tom's stupefaction was not sound sleep. The dead come had left the brain, and the calling of his name had stung his senses to keen attention. He had an insane love for rum, but did not love the landlord. In other years Peter Tindar and himself had loved and wooed the sweet maiden—Ellen Goss—and he won her, leaving Peter to take up with the vinegary spinster who had bought him the tavern, and he knew that lately the tapster had gloated over the misery of the woman who had once discarded him.

"Why don't you send him home?" demanded Mrs. Tindar, with an impatient stamp of the foot.

"Hush, Betsey! He's got money. Let him be, and he'll be sure to spend it before he goes home. I'll have the kernel of the nut, and his wife may have the husk!"

With a sniff and a snap Betsey turned away, and shortly afterward Tom Darcey lifted himself upon his elbow.

"Ah, Tom, are you awake?"

"Yes."

"Then rouse up and have a warm glass."

Tom got upon his feet and steadied himself.

"No, Peter, I wont drink any more tonight."

"It won't hurt you, Tom—just a glass."

"I know it won't," said Tom, buttoning up his coat by the only solitary button left. "I know it won't."

And with this he went out into the chill air of night. When he got away from the shadow of the tavern he stopped and looked up at the stars, and then he looked down upon the earth.

"Aye," he muttered, grinding his heel in the gravel. "Peter Tindar is taking the kernel and leaving poor Ellen the husk, and I am helping him do it. I am robbing my wife of joy, robbing my children of honor and comfort, robbing myself of love and life—just that Peter Tindar may have the kernel and Ellen the husk! We'll see!"

It was a revelation to the man. The tavern keeper's brief speech, meant not for his ears, had come upon his senses as fell the voice of the Risen One upon Saul of Tarsus.

"We'll see," he continued, setting his foot firmly on the ground; and then he wended his way homeward.

On the following morning he said to his wife:

"Ellen, have you any coffee in the house?"

"Yes, Tom." She did not tell him that her sister had given it to her. She was glad to hear him ask for coffee instead of the old, old cider.

"I wish you would make a cup, good and strong."

There was really music in Tom's voice, and the wife set about the work with a strange flutter in her heart.

Tom drank two cups of the strong, fragrant coffee, and then went out—went out with a resolute step, and walked straight to the great manufactory, where he found Mr. Scott in the office.

"Mr. Scott, I want to learn my trade over again."

"Eh, Tom! What do you mean?"

"I mean that it's Tom Darcy, come back to the old place, asking forgiveness for the past, and hoping to do better in the future."

"Tom!" cried the manufacturer, starting forward and grasping his hand, "are you in earnest? Is it really the old Tom?"

"It's what's left of him, sir, and we'll have him whole and strong very soon if you'll only set him at work."

"Work! Aye, Tom, and bless you, too! There is an engine to be set up and tested today. Come with me."

Tom's hands were weak and unsteady, but his brain was clear, and under his skillful supervision the engine was set up and tested, but it was not perfect. There were mistakes which he had to correct, and it was late in the evening when the work was completed.

"How is it now, Tom?" asked Mr. Scott, as he came into the testing house and found the workmen ready to depart.

"She's all right, sir. You may give your warrant without fear."

"God bless you, Tom! You don't know how like sweet music the old voice sounds. Will you take your place again?"

"Wait till Monday morning, sir. If you offer it to me then, I will take it."

At the little cottage Ellen Darcey's fluttering heart was sinking. That morning, after Tom had gone, she had found a two-dollar bill in her coffee cup. She knew that he left it for her. She had been out and bought tea and sugar, and flour and butter, and a bit of tender steak; and all day long a ray of light had been dancing and skimming before her—a ray from the blessed light of other days. With prayer and hope she set out the tea-table and waited, but the sun went down and no Tom came. Eight o'clock came—and almost nine. Oh, was it but a false glimmer, after all?

Hark! The old step! strong, eager for home. Yes, it was Tom, with the old grime upon his hands and the odor of oil upon his garments.

"I have kept you waiting, Nellie."

"Tom!"

"I didn't mean to, but the work hung on!"

"Tom, Tom. You have been to the old shop."

"Yes, and I'm to have the old place, and—"

"Oh, Tom."

And she threw her arms around his neck and covered his face with kisses.

"Nellie, darling, wait a little, and you shall have the old Tom back again."

"Oh, Tom. I've got him now—bless him, bless him. My own Tom. My husband, my darling."

And then Tom Darcey realized the full power and blessing of woman's love. It was a banquet of the gods all restored—with the bright angels of peace and love and joy spreading their wings over the boards.

On the following Monday morning, Tom Darcey assumed his place at the head of the great machine shop, and those who thoroughly knew him had no fear of his going back in the slough and joylessness.

A few days later Tom met Peter Tindar on the street.

"Eh, Tom, old boy, what's up?"

"I am up—right side up."

"Yes—I see. But I hope you haven't forsaken us, Tom."

"I have forsaken only the evil you have in store, Peter. The fact is, I concluded my wife and little ones had fed on husks long enough, and if there was a kernel left in my heart, or in my manhood, they should have it."

"Ah, you heard what I said to my wife that night?"

"Yes, Peter; and I shall be grateful to you for it as long as I live. My remembrance of you will always be relieved by that tinge of warmth and brightness."

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HE WOULD TELL.

She had invited him to stop to supper and he was trying to appear easy and unconcerned, while she was on her prettiest behavior.

"Have you used the sugar, John?" inquired the mother in a winning manner.

"John don't want any sugar," ejaculated the young heir, abruptly.

"Why not?" inquired the father, curiously, while John in his surprise swallowed a bit of toasted crust and nearly cut his throat open.

"Cos he don't," exclaimed the heir, in an artful manner; "I heard him tell Mary last night——"

"You keep still," interrupted Mary in a hysterical manner, while the young man caught his breath in dismay.

"I heard him say," persisted the heir, with dreadful eagerness, "that she was so sweet that he shouldn't never use no sugar any more—an' then he kissed her, an' I said I'd tell an'——"

The young heir was lifted out of the room by the ear, and supper was finished in moody silence.

A CONGRESSMAN'S LOVE STORY.—Mr. Conger of Michigan has a love history, which is very remarkable. He has a smiling, fair wife, fat and forty, who leans upon him in the abandon of the honeymoon. She has dark hair, patted smoothly on her cheeks, and she wears gold-rimmed spectacles. She was his first love. A quarrel separated them. Each married. Twenty years after he, a widower, was in Congress, she, a widow, sat in the gallery and listened to his speech. It was the first time they had seen each other since their early days. She sent her card to him; he came at once to the gallery. After a little talk she asked him to call upon her at her friend's, Mrs. Dahlgren. He said he would call if he could come as he used to in those days of youth. In a few weeks they were married at Mrs. Admiral Dahlgren's residence, and are completely infatuated with each other.—*Washington Letter.*

A good repartee is told of a young man who was reminded that his aunt had paid his debts, and that he should be more submissive to the wishes of his relative. "Yes, yes, my aunt paid my creditors, but what has she done for me?"

Loss and Gain.

Each year's a robber, plucking in its passing
Some priceless treasure we have set apart
To beautify all life; the soul of pleasure,
The sacred idol in the secret heart.

The robbing years! Aye each one leaves us poor-
Seizing some love we hold at priceless cost: [er,
All life seems empty—void one place forever;
Mid treasure left, we weep the treasure lost.

Not wholly lost! I deem some far-off morning,
Roaming in peace along Heaven's restful sward,
We'll come all unaware upon our treasures,
All garnered for us by our loving Lord.

My friend I hold immortal in possession;
Eternal in the "mine and thine;" away,
Ransomed from mortal life and death's oppression,
We'll find the love we seem to lose to-day.

OUR BOSTON LETTER.

A Few Words About Ladies' Cloaks.

BOSTON, Dec. 12th, 1877.

I went to Jordan & Marsh's the other day to get a glimpse of the newly imported garments which are not only to grace our Boston women, but which have been ordered by merchants all over New England to place before their customers, so that, for all I know, you may be the happy possessors of some of these very garments before many days are passed. I learned one thing—that the long cloak is an established fact, and that the new importations are longer even than those received earlier in the season. The most novel of all garments is the English paletot, a long, loose sack, almost straight from shoulder to hem, which reaches nearly to the bottom of the dress; low in the skirt is a place resembling a pocket, and I found myself ridiculing the maker, who would put a pocket in such an un-get-at-able locality, when my laugh was turned on to myself by the discovery that it was not a pocket, but a place through which the dress was to be held up. It was just the nicest idea, and when you found out it was not a pocket it became very ornamental. One of the paletots which I admired rather more than any other was made of Matalassi and trimmed with velvet and *clair de lune* passementerie and fringe. Both these materials are used very largely for trimming purposes; so is galloon. Crotchetted trimming is coming again into vogue, and makes a very elegant finish to a garment when used in connection with flat bands of silk; these bands are about two and one-half or three inches in width, and are stitched plainly on to the garment; the crotchetted trimming is then laid on the silk, giving a very rich and highly ornamental effect. Ladies who are adepts at fancy work and enjoy it can make this trimming for themselves. Heavy silk twist is used, and you can take your design from seeing some of the trimmings; or if you have artistic taste you can design it yourself; buy your twist by the pound, and if you don't count your time as worth a large amount you can have a handsome cloak trimming at comparatively little outlay.

Next to the straightness of the cloak, their narrowness is the most noticeable feature. They are so plain and so scant that one almost wonders how any one can walk in them; but, narrow as they are, they are fuller than the tied-back dress, for they have to be worn over them. Even the mantle-shaped cloaks have the same effect, only the loose hanging sleeves giving the relief from the straightness. These cloaks are much more elaborate than the paletots or French sacques, and are worn with richer toilets on more dressy occasions. Many of them are trimmed with unplucked beaver, or with Russian fur in which long white hairs have been sewed. These mottled effects are much desired in trimming furs, and are considered decidedly the best style. A very handsome mantle cloak is made from heavy black silk, with an almost satin-like surface and lustre. It is lined throughout with squirrel fur and is trimmed with unplucked beaver. For slender figures these mantle-shaped garments are exceedingly becoming, and may be made comparatively inexpensive. I saw one of matallassi trimmed with moss trimming, which was even a more winterish looking garment than the silk one, is quite as pretty, and did not cost half as much. The moss trimming will be a decided feature on mantle cloaks when fur is not used.

Moose beaver, which is a light brown velvety cloth, is trimmed with dark brown velvet and horn buttons, like those used on gentlemen's overcoats. English paletots and French sacques are made from this material, and there are no more stylish garments than these; they look warm and comfortable, and are just the thing for country sleigh-rides. Pretty pocket muffs of beaver with velvet faces come to match. Worn with a brown felt hat with brown velvet bands and shaded brown feathers, you have no idea how pretty an outfit it makes. On the whole, however, unless you can have a dress cloak as well, I would always advise black for the one garment, since it can be worn with anything. This is true of nothing else except it be gray, and that is the reason why gray circular cloaks are so much in vogue and take so entirely the precedence over everything else. These circulars are very stylish and are the most convenient of wraps. They are almost universally becoming, and are being worn more this winter than they have been before for a long time. I think they have grown to be as standard a garment as the seal skin sacques, which will never go out of fashion, because nothing else can be found which can take their place. So with the circular, the very style of it fixes its popularity. It is pretty, sufficiently dressy and becoming, and it is warm, protecting and convenient to put on and off. A heavy reversible camel's hair cloth is used, one side of grey, the other scarlet or blue; no lining is needed with these cloths, and a circular all made costs from $25 to $35. In time they will be used on many occasions where a water-proof is deemed a necessity. On gray days, for instance, when, while one likes to look dressed, she does not care to put on her best clothes.

Seal skin sacques are quite a matter of course; they are less expensive this year than they have ever been, and one can now buy a cloak for $150 which has always sold for $200; a nice one sells for $125, and a *good* one for $100. The demand for them this season is very large, and it is all nonsense to talk of their going out of fashion. So wear your seal skins in content, you've got the best there is in the cloak line. SALLY JOY WHITE.

A witness on entering the box had a Testament presented to him, but he declined to be sworn. Being asked his reason for refusing, he naively replied, "I'll tell a lie wi' ony mon i' England, but I'll na swear to it."

KEEPING CELERY IN WINTER.

Celery during the winter should be kept from hard freezing on the one hand, and on the other from warmth that will induce growth. If put in a warm place, the center will grow at the expense of the outer stalks, which will soon become exhausted, hollow, and useless. The same trouble will occur if the celery is stored in a cool place in too large masses. Being quite dormant, it will, like so much dead vegetable matter, if there is a large quantity together, ferment and decay. Another important matter is the exclusion of light. If put up quite green, and no light reaches it, celery will, in a few weeks, become blanched and tender. To recapitulate: The celery must be kept cool, but not freeze; must not be in so large masses as to heat, and must be kept perfectly dark. The method followed by market gardeners around New York meets these requirements. A trench is dug 10 or 12 inches wide, 10 inches being better than wider, as deep as the plants are tall. Of course a place must be chosen where there will be no trouble from water entering the trenches, and provision made for surface drainage. When there is danger of actual freezing—moderate frosts do not hurt the celery—the plants are taken up, with what earth may adhere to the roots, and set upright as close together as possible in the trenches. Some litter, such as straw, marsh hay, or leaves, is thrown over, a little at first, but as the weather becomes cold, the covering is increased, until finally it is at least a foot thick. In putting away celery in trenches, we have modified this plan somewhat; we have made the trenches so deep that the tops of the plants were quite below the level, then put strips of board across here and there, as needed, and on these are laid short boards, old box covers, or any spare short stuff. Later, leaves or straw are put over these. This greatly facilitates getting at the celery in winter; the boards that cover the trench being in short pieces, it is handier than if they were full length. Still, in heavy snows, or what is worse, the trenches are covered with snow that has been rained upon and frozen, it is sometimes difficult to get at the celery, and those who have a cool cellar will do well to adopt, for a share of their crop at least. Mr. Henderson's plan of putting it away in boxes. Rough boxes are made about 9 inches wide, as long as may be convenient, with sides a little less in hight than the celery. These have an inch or two of sand or sandy soil placed in them, and the celery stacked in closely the same as in the trenches. If the main crop is put away in trenches outside, it will be convenient to have one or more boxes of this kind in the cellar, from which to take what is needed for the table, as one is then independent of the weather, and in a favorable time the boxes may be replenished from the trenches.—*American Agriculturist.*

ARAB MAXIMS.

I. Let your colt be domesticated and live with you from his tenderest age, and when a horse he will be simple, docile, faithful and inured to hardship and fatigue.

II. Do not beat your horses, nor speak to them in a loud tone of voice; do not get angry with them, but kindly reprove their faults; they will do better thereafter, for they understand the language of man and its meaning.

III. If you have a long day's journey, spare your horse at the start; let him frequently walk to recover his wind. Continue this until he has sweated and dried three times, and you may ask of him what you please, he will not leave you in difficulty.

IV. Observe your horse when he is drinking at a brook. If in bringing down his head he remains square, without bending his limbs, he possesses sterling qualities, and all parts of his body are built symmetrically.

V. Four things he must have broad—front, chest, loins and limbs; four things long—neck, chest, fore-arm and croup; four things short—pasterns, back, ears and tail.

SNEEZING.—As a rule, a sneeze is the warning nature gives that some part of the body is exposed to a colder temperature than the other parts, and that the sneezer is "catching cold." Next to the warning, what is the use of the sneeze? It throws open all the pores of the whole body, and induces a gentle perspiration; in a word, it throws off the cold. A child rarely sneezes more than twice. Perspiration is readily induced in youth; an old man, on the contrary, sneezes half a dozen to a dozen times, with a loudly explosive "catchogue." It is harder to set him perspiring. When one is sitting by an open window and finds himself sneezing, nature tells him he is catching cold. He should get up instantly, walk about, and take a full tumbler of cold water to keep up the gentle perspiration that the sneeze set in motion. If he does this, he will not be telling an hour after that he has a "cold in the head," or chest, or lungs.

Flowers in all ages have been made the representatives of innocence and beauty.—We decorate the bride and strew her path with flowers; we present the undefiled blossoms as a similitude of her beauty and untainted mind, trusting that her destiny through life will be like theirs, graceful and pleasing to all. We scatter them over the coffin, the bier, and the earth, when we consign our mortal blossoms to the dust, as emblems of transient joy, fading pleasures, withered hopes; yet rest is sure, and certain the trust that each in due season will be renewed again.

A little girl in North Yarmouth, aged about three years, was taught to pray by her mother, who, however, could not induce the child to kneel. The other morning, the family heard the little girl say, "Please God, send me down a white rabbit." No answer was vouchsafed, and the child continued, "Did you hear what I said? Why don't you answer?" Another pause, when the child spoke up spunkily, "Oh, I know what you want. You want me to get on my knees, but I won't."

"Sing Sing," shouted the brakeman, as a Hudson River train slowed up to the station. "Five years for refreshments," yelled a passenger with short hair and bracelets, as he rose to leave the car in charge of a deputy sheriff.

A woman may not be able to sharpen a pencil or hold an umberella, but she can pack more articles into a trunk than a man can in a one-horse wagon.

What is the nearest thing to a cat looking out of a window? The window.

A kiss is good for nothing unless divided between two.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1877.

Read This!

All persons indebted to this office for subscriptions, advertising or job work are requested to make payment for the same before Jan. 1st, 1878.

CONGRESS will adjourn to-day until January 10.

GOLD has advanced about one per cent. the past week. Congress did it, with its little silver hatchet.

WOMAN'S RIGHTS are progressing. The papers are beginning to publish the bride's name first in marriage notices.

CONGRESSMAN Harris of this State seeks immortality by proposing a new navy, to cost $50,000,000, in ten annual instalments.

THE Taunton Savings Bank suspended payment on Wednesday, on account of a real estate loss, but is reported to be entirely solvent.

MR. BOWLES of the Springfield *Republican*, who was thought to be dying at the time of our last issue, is better, and may recover, though he is not past all danger.

"TO BE too drunk to form the intent to kill, must be too drunk to form the intent to shoot," was the pertinent decision of the Georgia Supreme Court recently. This would be a healthy doctrine for every court to act upon.

ANOTHER expedition is proposed to the Arctic regions, and Mr. Dawes of Massachusetts has introduced a bill in the Senate in aid of it. It is a good time of the year to think about Arctic voyages, but much better to start on such expeditions next June.

HENRY L. PIERCE, Republican, was elected mayor of Boston on Tuesday by a majority of more than 2000 over Mr. Prince, the present Democratic incumbent. The vote was the largest ever recorded. Mayor Pratt of Worcester was reelected the same day.

JAMES B. EUSTIS of Louisiana was on Monday admitted to the United States Senate, and the States are now fully represented in that body. Pinchback, who has been trying to get into the Senate for the past four years or more, has written an open letter to the Governor of Louisiana, resigning the seat he could not get.

UNLESS the Grangers of this State receive a new infusion of life, the order will become extinct before long. The fifth annual meeting of the State Grange was held at Holyoke Tuesday and Wednesday, the reports showing but 66 Granges in the State against 87 last year, only one new one having been formed, at Stowe, during the year.

POLITICAL matters in France have been at fever heat for some time past, owing to the obstinate refusal of President MacMahon to form a cabinet in sympathy with the Republican majority in the Chamber of Deputies; but at last he has yielded to the entreaties of his friends, and a new ministry has been formed this week with which the Republicans are satisfied.

IT is only a little more than two weeks to the annual gathering at the State House for legislative work. The newly-elected members are brushing up their overcoats and discussing where they had better "stop" for the winter, while those who have projects on foot and axes to grind are planning how to succeed with them. There ought not to be a long session, yet we all know how business will grow after the session commences, and it is safe to calculate on a four or five months' session at least.

SENATOR Conkling on Wednesday succeeded in defeating the President's nominations for collector and naval officer at New York. The Senate was in executive session nearly six hours over the matter, and Mr. Conkling made an eloquent speech, charging that the proposed removals were intended to dishonor and break him down politically, and appealing to the Senate to protect him. The vote on confirmation was 25 to 32. Only six Republicans voted in the affirmative, among them Senators Dawes and Hoar of this State.

IF Rev. Dr. Wild, a Brooklyn clergyman, is a true prophet, we are in for a discouragingly long conflict in the near future. In a discourse Sunday evening he declared that in 1882 will begin a war that is to continue for fifty-three years, and usher in the dawn of the millennium. This war will be that of the true Christians against anti-Christ, supposed to be one of the Russian Czars. The Monroe doctrine will melt away in our own country, and America will join in the war, America being the lost tribe of Manasseh. And he isn't certain but Gen. Grant has been trained as the leader of the war.

PLEVNA has fallen, conquered by hunger, cold; and General Todleben's engineering skill. The supply of provisions having been utterly exhausted, on Monday Osman Pasha made a desperate sortie, but was soon hemmed in on every side by the Russians and Roumanians, and after fearful carnage he surrendered unconditionally, with 400 cannon and 40,000 troops, exclusive of 20,000 sick and wounded. The Russians were first defeated at Plevna in July, and, failing to take it after desperate assaults in September, the veteran Gen. Todleben, the defender of Sebastopol, took command and completely encircled the place with double lines of intrenchments, from which there was no escape. The Russians have lost about 75,000 men, but they have wiped out an army of 60,000 men, captured the ablest Turkish General, and pretty effectually paved the way for peace negotiations on their own terms.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

An unknown man was run over and killed by a freight train at Rochdale Monday afternoon.

Christina Brown of Boston was fatally injured Wednesday by a load of lumber falling upon her.

Mrs. Henry Dayton of Chicopee died early Sunday morning from an overdose of chloroform taken accidentally.

The brig G. M. Jones, from New York for Halifax, was run down at sea, and all hands, save one, were drowned.

George Morse, 16 years old, was fatally injured Saturday afternoon in a forest at North Troy, Vt., by a falling tree which he was chopping.

A brakeman named Palmer, aged 19, fell under the wheels of his train on the New London Northern railroad at Norwich, Wednesday, and was instantly killed.

Anthony Miller of Dalton was killed by the flier between Pittsfield and Dalton Monday afternoon. He was walking beside the track, and stepped directly in front of the train.

James De Mont, a Frenchman living in Easthampton, tried to extinguish the flames of a kerosene lamp which had exploded, and was so badly burned that he has since died.

A plot to seize the city of Guatemala, murder the wealthy inhabitants, ravish the women and sack the houses, was frustrated on the 7th ult. by the prompt execution of the 17 ringleaders.

A freight train on the Boston and Albany road was wrecked by a broken journal about three miles west of Westfield Tuesday night, and eight or ten cars thrown down an embankment.

A shocking tragedy was enacted at Lowell Sunday night. William Devlin, a man of violent and brutal temper, beat his wife to death and smothered her infant. He fled, but was arrested on the cars at Bellows Falls, Vt.

Dr. Haynes of Rutland, Vt., long a resident physician, Dr. Chase of East Wallingford, his mother, a mid-wife, and Mrs. Alice Titus were arrested Monday for performing an abortion on Hattie Gaudette, daughter of the latter.

Two brothers named Drake, very respectably connected, living on adjoining farms in the town of North Hampton, N. H., ended a long-standing feud by a pitched fight last Tuesday evening. One of them will probably die.

Saturday morning's passenger train west on the Boston and Albany railroad ran over and killed a tramp at Chester, and Freight Conductor Lester Sargent fell from his train at Russell on the same morning, and was cut in two.

Allen Congdon, 5 years old, son of the Indian doctor, died last Friday at Westfield, after three weeks' sickness, from the bite of a Spitz dog six weeks ago. It was pronounced a genuine case of hydrophobia by the physicians.

A brutal and perhaps fatal assault was made upon Hubert Finn, at Lawrence late Saturday night, by Robert McElroy and two brothers, respectable farmers, because Finn had been making love at a dance that evening to a woman McElroy was interested in. McElroy was inflamed with liquor.

Six children, two of them girls, and the oldest under 11 years of age, have been arrested for murder on a plantation near Columbia, South Carolina. They were picking cotton, when a negro boy of 18 came along and harassed them until they finally pitched upon him with stones and knives, injuring him so that he died.

A shocking case of abduction and outrage occurred recently at Westport, Ct. Fannie, the 17-year-old daughter of Charles Burt, disappeared two weeks ago, but returned to her home last Saturday so worn and emaciated that she was hardly recognized, and stated that on the day of her disappearance, while alone in the house, two men came in and asked for some water. She got it, when they seized and chloroformed her, and when she came to consciousness she was in a strange room and clothed in coarse garments. She was kept there four days on the coarsest food and repeatedly chloroformed and violated by the villains. Finding herself alone last Tuesday she managed to escape, and reached home after a journey of four days and nights, completely exhausted.

EDWARD KIMBALL of Chicago is winning fame as a "church debt lifter." He has helped more than a score of churches in this way, and last Sunday he tackled the debt of the Shepard Congregational church in Cambridge. Only the pastor and two or three church officers knew what was up, and after opening the morning service the pastor gave up his desk to Mr. Kimball, who stated his plans and began the work, and after a continuous session of eight hours, the debt of $85,000 was all provided for. Beginning with $3000 subscriptions Mr. Kimball worked down to $5 and lower, beginning and sometimes ending each class of subscriptions with one of his own, and great enthusiasm prevailed as the work progressed. We imagine there are a great many other churches in the State which would welcome a similar visit from Mr. Kimball.

MORE trouble is taking place among the Chinese and San Franciscoans. A party of 150 Celestials from Sacramento was recently attacked at San Francisco and cruelly beaten and robbed. They have telegraphed President Hayes for protection. Even the Rev. I. S. Kalloch is opposed to the Chinese, and is preaching against them on account of their loose morals.

NEW YORK city liquor dealers are in hot water. More than a thousand of them have been arrested within a week for violation of the excise law. They had been violating the laws so long they almost thought they had a right to do so, but the excise commissioners are beginning to disabuse them of that idea.

FIRES.—Bethel, Vt., was visited by a destructive fire Monday night which swept away a large portion of the business part of the place and caused a loss of about $50,000.——A whiskey warehouse at Louisville was damaged $300,000 last Saturday night by fire. The whiskey ran a burning stream into the street. A second fire, which burned several cottages and stables, was caused by a negro's throwing a lamp at his mistress as she lay in bed. She was burned to death.——The trotting stallion "Hyperion," worth $20,000, and with a record of 2.27, was burned to death with other valuable horses in its owner's barn last Saturday night at Hackensack, N. J.

Gen. Harlan was sworn in as one of the Justices of the United States Supreme Court on Monday.

LOCAL BUSINESS NOTICES.

An elegant assortment of Holiday Goods for old and young. Everything to be sold very cheap. Call early, at G. H. Appleton's.

All persons indebted to J. F. Holbrook for coal, must pay before Jan. 1, 1878. No person need consider himself exempt from this call.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Muzzle your cats.

Queer weather, this.

Sixteen more days of 1877.

The coming man is said to be the tramp.

"Oh, the snow, the beautiful snow,"—where is it?

Pay the printer, if you would have a happy New Year.

The store windows begin to take on a holiday aspect.

Annual meeting of the Palmer Savings Bank Jan. 8.

M. Fox is laying cellars for two new houses on Fox Avenue.

The new game "gobang" is sometimes played on the piano.

Rev. Mr. Berry will preach on "Retribution" Sunday afternoon.

G. P. Kœhler has opened a furniture repairing room in Allen's block.

The wind kindly and efficiently swept our streets of dust on Friday.

Now-a-days "early candlelight" means in the middle of the afternoon.

The latest get up—that member of the family who doesn't build the fire.

H. P. & J. S. Holden will shortly open a branch store at West Warren.

Look out for counterfeit quarters, made of lead with a thick silver coating.

The Y. P. society will meet with Mrs. Laura Childs next Monday evening.

It is the poorest kind of economy for a man to get along without his local paper.

Willard Kenerson is building a new house on Park street for George Kenerson.

The sale of the Crichton property at Blanchardville, to have taken place last Saturday, was deferred.

A year's subscription to the JOURNAL will make a capital Christmas or New Year's present to a friend.

Ladies desirous of a home in the West, and a husband at the same time, should consult our advertising columns.

Charlie Thompson is back again on the Wales and Palmer stage line, and thinks his temporary retirement was not very profitable.

The lower end of Thorndike street has been filled in the past week, to get rid of the water that has always stood there in wet time.

Last year cider was so plentiful that some folks, so it is said, washed their clothes in it; but this year it is so scarce that the lover of apple juice can hardly get enough to rinse out his mouth.

A meeting of the western division of the Massachusetts Second Advent Conference will be held in this village Jan 2d. Prominent preachers and laymen from all parts of the State will be present.

"Hard times" parties are one of the latest notions. The bill of fare consists only of mush and milk, with Johnny cake for cake, and extra economical people dispense with the last named article.

Mr. Webster is now lodging an average of about ten tramps a night. A good many of the fraternity are turning their steps South for the winter, to escape the rigors of the New England climate.

The register of deeds has recorded the sale of a farm in Brimfield, Wales and Monson to Elvira M. Stone of Palmer by Ephraim Fenton for $1500; also, Daniel G. Green to Albert A. Ball, land in Monson, $800.

The Dramatic Club feel much encouraged by the result of their last entertainment; the night was fair, the audience enthusiastic, and the actors in their best spirits. They will present another drama before long.

A Boston paper goes into ecstacies because a fashionable young lady there cut and made her own elegant wedding dress recently. Country girls do this thing as a matter of course, and don't think of bragging about it.

The fourth District Conference of the Universalists will be held in Chicopee next Wednesday, under the auspices of the State Convention. Preliminary services will be held on Tuesday evening, when Rev. C. H. Eaton of this place will preach.

Presiding Elder Whitaker's appointments for the coming quarter in this vicinity are as follows: Bondville, Feb 16 and 17; Palmer, 17; Belchertown, 17; Enfield, 18; Ludlow Center, 19; Wilbraham, 23 and 24; Glendale, 24; East Wilbraham, 24; South Wilbraham, March 24.

Presiding Elder Whitaker will hold a love feast at the Methodist church, Four Corners, Sunday morning at 9.30, and preach in the forenoon. A praise service at 6.30 will be conducted by Frederick Ruggles of Three Rivers, to be followed by a short sermon by the pastor, Rev. C. T. Johnson.

Who can paint a picture more distressing and painful than a man with poor teeth trying to bare the bones of a spring chicken (6 years old), and muttering something about that rooster's never having been under the influence of Moody and Sankey or having experienced eternal punishment?

During the storm of last week Wednesday the canal wall which supports the short bridge at Blanchardville, on the highway to Monson, was washed from behind and fell in, letting one end of the bridge into the water and blocking travel for a short time, but a new wall is being built. George Griffin of this village has the job.

H. A. Northrop is making preparations for getting and housing ice in Three Rivers the coming winter, in a new ice house which the Otis Company have built for his use. He will fill the ice houses in this village and at Blanchardville as usual, but expects to run short, as was the case last summer, when he can fall back on the new source of supply.

J. H. Smith, the Blanchardville shoddy man, is about starting a new picking machine, in addition to the one he has already in use. He also has four carding machines running, and altogether business is quite brisk with him. Most of his rags, waste, etc., from which shoddy is made, come from the mills at Wales, Monson, Stafford, and some from New York State.

The Young People's Society of the 2d Cong. church give their promised fair and festival at the vestry next Friday evening, Dec. 21st inst. A hot turkey supper will be served from 6 to 9 p. m., at 50 cents each, and an entertainment of music, etc., is also prepared. The Christmas Advertiser, a 16-column paper, will be issued by the society to-day, containing considerable original matter in poetry and prose.

"Songs of Real Children" is the title of an attractive little volume of poems by Mrs. Nellie Knight Bradford of the State Primary School, which has just been published. The poems have been written at different times by Mrs. Bradford, and she publishes them at the request of many friends who have enjoyed them and feel that they deserve a wider reading. Every mother's heart will warm in reading the sweetly-told stories of child-life, and its neat holiday attire will doubtless attract many purchasers. Allen & Cowan have it for sale.

The criminal term of the Superior Court began its session at Springfield this week, with a list of 62 indictments which the grand jury had found. Herbert Graves and Erving W. Drum of this place pleaded guilty to stealing a team from H. A. Bigelow, and were sentenced to the house of correction for 18 and 15 months respectively. The charge against them of burglarizing from G. H. Appleton's store was filed away. Mary J. Buxton was sentenced to 18 months for keeping a house of ill fame; and John Anthony, a Monson negro, received the same sentence for assault. Patrick Sheridan of Brimfield received a sentence of 18 months in the house of correction for assault on an officer, and Lib Sands of Palmer was sent to the woman's reformatory prison for a year, for keeping a disorderly house.

BELCHERTOWN.

There will be a lecture in the Cong. church Monday evening by Rev. F. W. March of Syria, on Life in the East.

Penn Tyler of North Brookfield commenced a singing school in the Baptist vestry last Wednesday eve. He proposes to give twenty lessons for $1 a scholar.

COLLINS DEPOT.

The Collins Paper Company are now making mostly loft-dried instead of machine-dried papers, turning out five tons a day.

The literary club, which meets Wednesday evenings, now numbers 25 members, and has a fine quartet to furnish music.

The grist mill is running 18 hours a day, with 15 hands, and is sending off about 7 carloads of grain per day, the capacity of the mill being 150 bushels an hour. They grind 150 cars of corn every month.

LUDLOW.

Just a hundred dogs have been licensed in this town.

Presiding Elder Whitaker lectured in the Methodist church Tuesday evening.

The young ladies of the Cong. society recently netted $60 from a fair for the benefit of one of their number who has been sick for some time.

The Congregationalists have organized a social with Oliver B. Miller for President, Josie E. Fuller Vice Pres., and Charles P. Jones Secy. and Treas.

WARREN.

B. Tripp & Co shut down work in their boot factory this week to take an inventory.

There was a union temperance praise meeting last Sunday night at the Universalist church.

Mr. Neil of Westfield is teaching the intermediate school, in place of Fred Cushing, who takes the grammar school.

The Grand Army has elected these officers: L. W. Gilbert commander, G. W. Forster senior and J. G. Leach junior vice-commander, R. P. Bestick quartermaster, J. P. Adams officer of the day, W. Bliss surgeon and P Robinson chaplain. The delegates to the department convention at Boston in January are F. H. Moore and R. P. Bestick.

WALES.

Nathan Green sells a lot of hay and personal property at auction on the 29th inst.

Charles Morse, a young sport who has worked in town about one month, hired James Hubbard's team to go to Fiskdale last Sunday evening and return. Monday noon came and no Morse or team. The team was found at the hotel in Fiskdale and brought home. He has not been heard from since. Disappointment in love is said to be the cause of his sudden departure.

Preparations are being made for a joyous time at the Baptist church Christmas evening. There will be an oration, a Christmas carol, singing, etc., and old Santa Claus will be on hand to dispense gifts, while a turkey supper will wind up the whole. Tickets to supper will be fifty cents for adults and 25 cents for children. Admission free. Remember and hang a present for your friends.

MONSON.

The addition to the depot of some 50 feet will make it much more convenient when the contemplated arrangement of gent's and ladies' rooms is carried out.

The ladies of Monson will give a supper and fair for the benefit of the Reading Room, in Green's Hall Friday evening, Dec. 21st, with amusements for old and young.

Green's block is being greatly improved. The large, wide, easy stairs now being put in by Arba Squier, which will give quick egress to any audience which may attend, will be appreciated by those of our citizens who have been afraid heretofore.

Although we do not brag of our progress, and of being up to the times in every respect, yet we do consider that our teachers both in school and in church are on an average with neighboring towns, and we do not seek to build up the reputation of any one by running down others. Brimfield is a very smart country town, and the farmers probably show as much thrift in farming as many small towns. It may be that Brimfield is 45 years ahead of the times, but if so, she should not be ashamed of her neighboring towns or their citizens, as there are just as good and just as wise men as the reporter who insulted our pastor in last week's JOURNAL, by his totally uncalled-for misstatements.

ENFIELD.

The Minot company resume work this week.

Joseph Howe has been drawn for juror at the criminal term of the Superior court.

This quiet little town has had no such excitement in a long time as has been caused by the death of selectman Cabot from a cat bite, and the subsequent stir over the question of holding a post mortem examination of the remains. A general desire was manifested for an examination, and arrangements were perfected accordingly, but when Prof. Frost arrived to perform the operation, chairman Haskell of the selectmen and Mr. Moody positively refused to allow it, and the attempt was accordingly abandoned. But so wide-spread was the feeling that an autopsy ought to be held, that on petition of Rufus D. Woods and 25 other leading citizens a town meeting was called for Thursday of this week, for the express purpose of electing a man as Mr. Cabot's successor who would side with Mr. Potter and against chairman Haskell in ordering an examination. The result of the meeting was rather a surprise, for the article to see if the town would choose a selectman was quietly passed over without action, and so the matter remains in *statu quo*.

BRIMFIELD.

The Hitchcock High School commenced the winter term on Tuesday with more than an average number of students, and under the personal superintendence of Principal Norwood, who has recovered from his long and serious illness. The present session promises to be one of more than ordinary interest, as every department is filled with competent teachers, whose time and talents will be brought into requisition for the benefit of both teacher and pupil.

One of the canine race made his appearance in the streets of Brimfield last Friday and Saturday, supposed to be mad, biting a number of dogs in his peregrinations, and creating a great scare among the citizens of this quiet little town, so much so that the guardians of the public peace turned out *en masse*, with Constable Cook at the head, to hunt the animal down and dispatch him at sight, but after pursuing him for some time in vain, they returned to headquarters unsuccessful. The question now is, was the dog mad? That *is* the question.

The Little Lifter's festival, held at the town hall on Wednesday evening, was a very pleasant, unique affair, given in aid of charitable objects by the juvenile classes of Brimfield. It was a pleasant scene to the older persons to see congregated together so many young masters and misses of the town engaged in so noble and generous a work of charity. The entertainment consisted of cake, ice cream, candies and a variety of fancy articles that found a ready sale at the hands of those who entered the list for competition in the amount of receipts of the evening. The Little Lifters were all delightfully happy, if one may judge by the sparkling eyes and smiling faces that pervaded the hall, and the whole thing was a success. INDEX.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

William Fuller has sold his place to Sumner Smith, and removed to Somers Street, where he has opened a flour and grain store.

The Laceowsie mill has commenced running, much to the satisfaction and rejoicing of the many hands who have been out of employment so long.

Mr. Newell's select school starts off more favorably than he could have expected. He has already thirty-five scholars, and is obliged to have an assistant teacher.

There is a first-class dance advertised at the hall in Academy building on Friday evening, the 21st. Farnsworth of Springfield with his orchestra furnishes the music and the prompter. All who would like a good time and a first-class dance are cordially invited to attend.

The Ravine mill was sold a few days since for $15,100 to a Mr. Boyington from Worcester, and is to start at once. None of the old stockholders in either mill are owners of stock in the new company. Mr. Sumner Smith, the old super in the Laceowsie mill, is left out in the cold, and the indications are that there is to be a new deal in all the prominent help.

It is rumored that postmaster Stanton is about to remove the post office to his dwelling house. We shall soon see and know if Madam Rumor is correct. He is very centrally located and probably the move, if made, will be acquiesced in, as there has been considerable fault found, caused by the rush in and about the office where it now is kept, in a country store.

WILBRAHAM.

The students at the Academy number 180 this term.

The outside work on the church is nearly finished, and the lathing has been begun.

D. M. Merrick has moved his family into the street, preparatory to going out West.

The ponds are well filled, so that when they froze over last week there was good skating.

Ruggles Bliss of Collin's Depot has a carrot 3 ft. 9 inches long, and 4 ft. 9 inches with tops.

Mr. Moody, who was bitten by a dog a few weeks since, has so far recovered as to renew his work.

The large oak tree opposite J. W. Bliss's has been cut down. The trunk measured 7 feet in diameter. There were almost 9 cords of wood in the tree.

The four planets which have been in sight evenings for some time, will some of them disappear soon. Before the new moon, Venus shone bright enough to cast a very plain shadow.

The petitions for a division of the town have been almost universally signed, and as there is likely to be no opposition whatever there is no question but the Legislature will order the division.

It is rumored that J. M. Merrick will leave the coal business, and G. W. Ely and Mowry Bros. will compete for the trade. Ely has already sold about one hundred tons and is putting some into bins near his store.

The following officers have been installed over Newton lodge of Masons: W. M., C. E. Peck; S. W., J. A. Parker; J. W., H. B. Spencer; treasurer, S. Foskit; secretary, W. H. Day; C., W. Hitchcock; M., A. E. Morse; S. D., C. G. Robbins; J. D., L. A. Newell; S. S., G. D. Green; J. S., G. L. Streeter; T., J. M. King. The lodge is in quite a flourishing condition.

WEST WARREN.

The Catholics netted $1100 from their recent fair, and have reduced their $4000 debt at the Ware Savings Bank by one-quarter.

Edward M. Sheehy has opened an evening school for the benefit of the mill hands. A writing school has also been started in the grammar school room.

There is a prospect that a new meat market will soon be started, also a dry goods and grocery store, to take the place of J. C. King & Bro., whose store is still closed.

A break down of some of the machinery at Geo. E. Keeney's shoddy mill last week, caused a suspension of operations, but they are now running as hard as usual.

The Methodist Sabbath school will unite with the society and have a Christmas tree on Christmas evening, and they are even now busy in preparing for the occasion.

E. W. Phinney, who has had charge of the Worcester County cheese factory and been so successful during the last season, and who has been in the meat market of George Bliss for some time, has opened a market of his own at the Center village, and as he is a general favorite, he will doubtless succeed.

The dramatic entertainment to be given shortly for the benefit of the Congregational society will occupy two evenings, and will consist of "The Little Brown Jug" and "Thirty Minutes for Refreshments" on the first, and on the second "A Pretty Piece of Business" and "Mrs. Willis's Will," with the allegory "The War of the Roses." The entertainment will probably be given next week.

The question of building a town hall at the Center village on the present site of A. Fairbanks's saw mill has been the cause of quite an exciting discussion—in the newspapers at least—and has revived the feeling of rivalry between the two villages. In the start, West Warreners were led to think that everybody at the Center was in favor of it, and notwithstanding any opposition from them the building would be located there. West Warren's idea is, if a town hall is to be built, let it be placed between the two villages, (or at West Warren), or better still, let the question drop for the present, as the town is too deeply in debt to think of putting up a costly town house at present. But if the Center folks are anxious to vote upon it, they are ready to have it brought up, knowing that they, together with the farmers who would oppose it, could defeat the project, even if those at the Center were all in favor of it. And as has since been ascertained, they are not, and the subject will doubtless be dropped after a desperate struggle more imaginary than real.

WARE AND VICINITY.

Get your presents ready for Christmas.

The jig saw fever prevails to an alarming extent.

E. Bent is ready to do fine cabinet work. Orders may be left at the post office.

The high school was closed Thursday and Friday of last week, owing to the illness of the principal.

Expulsions are now in order. Four scholars have been expelled from the high school the past week.

A new cement pipe has been laid near the park the past week to carry off the overflow from the stone watering trough.

Benj. Bond and Chas. E. Blood are drawn as jurors to attend the criminal term of court to be held at Northampton next week.

Now is the time for our amateur poets to do something on behalf of the "Beautiful Snow" which came Monday evening and disappeared Tuesday afternoon.

The special meetings at the Methodist church will be continued Sunday, Rev. Mr. Hayes preaching part of the day and evening. Thus far the meetings have been very profitable.

A large party of young people from this place went to Greenwich Village Thursday evening to attend the dramatic entertainment, "Out in the Streets," by the Enfield dramatic society.

The business meeting of the Young Ladies' Charitable Society which was postponed last week on account of stormy weather, was held at the house of Mrs. P. H. Sagendorph on Wednesday afternoon.

The Young people's dramatic association of Ware go to Hardwick Tuesday evening to play "The Temperance Doctor." The cast of characters will be changed somewhat, which no doubt will give better satisfaction to some.

At the probate court held at Northampton last week Wednesday, Owen McArdle was appointed administrator of the estate of Mary McArdle, late of Ware, and Cassius Moore of the estate of James G. Moore, late of Ware.

A. F. Richardson, auctioneer, will sell at auction at Gilbertville, Dec. 18th, the following property, recently occupied by N. Foisy: 1½ story house used as a bakery, with ovens complete, 2 horses, 1 carriage, 2 baker's wagons, harnesses, &c.

At a meeting of the State Woman's Christian Temperance Union it was voted that Thursday, Dec. 13th, be observed by the different Unions throughout the State as a day of fasting and prayer. In compliance with that request a meeting of the Ware Union was held at the rooms of the Reform Club Thursday afternoon.

A French family on North street named St. Onge were badly poisoned a short time since by drinking water that came through a 1½ inch lead pipe 70 feet in length. The probable cause of the poisoning was that after pumping the water ran back into the pipe, and the family thus used the water that remained in it. They will all recover.

FACTS, FASHIONS AND FOIBLES.

—Boston has 216 hotels.

—Egypt has 42 obelisks left.

—Spain is sending more troops to Cuba.

—Mr. Bland's teeth are filled with silver.

—Minister Welch has arrived in England.

—Moody is to visit New Haven in March.

—Little Belgium supports 5,000,000 people.

—Senator Patterson is a red headed brunette.

—There is no law against opening a postal card.

—Sharon doesn't take his seat. May be it's boils.

—The Akhoond of Swat takes 35 cups of tea per day.

—At Belgrade beef sells for one penny per pound.

—There were 96,816 claims for pensions pending Nov. 1st.

—One of the events of 1879 will be a gymnastical Congress.

—Senator Conover of Florida is a native of Cranberry, N. J.

—The Russians took Kars in 1828, 1834, 1855 and now again in 1877.

—Mayflowers in full bloom were gathered in Plymouth last week.

—The United States now use more postal cards than any other nation.

—Old-fashioned barege, so long tabooed, is again used for evening dresses.

—Statistics show that there are 200,000 more women than men in London.

—It is said that the people of New York city eat 2400 barrels of flour daily.

—Lingerie sets have embroidered landscapes on the broad collars and cuffs.

—Sixty thousand paper cuffs and collars daily is the product of an Albany factory.

—There are some 20,000 alligator skins tanned and used in this country annually.

—The city of Quebec was lately unsuccessful in negotiating a small loan in London.

—A New York collector has just paid $1500 for a single postage stamp of a rare issue.

—Plum color is in favor again for dresses, especially with facings of pale blue or buff.

—By his own direction the late Gen. N. B. Forrest was buried in his Confederate uniform.

—Among the novelties in feathers are those made of gold, and as light as ostrich feathers.

—The highest income tax in Germany was last year paid by Krupp; this year by a Rothschild.

—Gen. Grant has sent to Philadelphia a box containing the presents he has received in Europe.

—Gold-handled knives, with scissors attached, are a new and useful ornament for a watch chain.

—The United States Treasurer decides that the old copper cent is not and never was a legal tender.

—A hole eight by six inches was large enough to let a ten-year-old boy out of the jail in Westboro.

—Nine women have been elected county superintendents of schools in Illinois in this year's county elections.

—A Derby, Ct., girl knocked down her father with her own fist the other day in a heated dispute about her lover.

—The Hamilton, Ontario, papers state that Mrs. John Minnet of that city is married to her sixty-second husband!

—Mrs. Lucy Brainard of Hartford, who has just celebrated her 86th birthday, made 1500 pies during the past year.

—It is expected that the work of tunneling the Hudson between New York and Jersey City will begin next spring.

—The lately married Duke of Norfolk gave his bride a pearl necklace once owned and worn by Mary, Queen of Scots.

—Flowers are now nearly discarded at fashionable funerals in New York. The floral mania has been carried so far that much display is now considered vulgar.

—My friend, have you a sulking wife?
Don't go and worry on it,
But try and use diplomacy,
'Tis best—depend upon it.
Don't beg and coax—don't go and write
A poem or a sonnet,
No—rouse her drooping spirits with
A bran-new winter bonnet.

The Freedman's Aid Society of the M. E. church has been holding its annual meeting in Springfield this week.

The Messrs. Hoe have just constructed a new press, for the New York *Tribune* to print and fold its Weekly in its new form of sixteen pages. It prints on both sides at once from a continuous roll, cuts and folds the papers, and delivers them ready for mailing, at the rate of 18,000 copies per hour. There is nothing more remarkable than this in the newspaper progress of the day, unless it be the *Tribune's* offer of Webster's $12 Unabridged Dictionary as a premium, as set forth in its prospectus in another column, which will be found interesting reading throughout.

At a meeting of school superintendents and committee-men in Springfield on Tuesday, the "Hampden County School Committees' Association" was organized with Rev. W. H. Eaton of Westfield for President, E. A. Hubbard of Springfield, Secretary and Treasurer, and an executive committee. All friends of popular education may become members. A resolution was adopted favoring the establishing of a county truant school, and there were discussions on several topics.

The Holidays are coming, and McKnight & Norton are fully prepared, as you will see in another column.

"THE MONTHLY READER" for December is at hand, filled with handsome engravings and interesting reading matter for the little ones. This is published in two grades by John L. Shorey of Boston, at 50 cents a year or 5 cents a copy. He also publishes the *Nursery*, and the wonder is how anybody with a family of children can get along without either of these capital monthlies.

INVALUABLE FOR RAILROAD MEN.—"I suffered for more than a year with indigestion, and during the last months I was very bilious, occasionally having a dumb chill, followed by fevers, which prostrated me. I took Simmons's Liver Regulator, and for several months I have been as stout and hearty as any man could desire to be. I am thoroughly satisfied that it is all it is recommended to be for indigestion and bilious complaints, for mine was certainly a stubborn case. I have heard many of my friends speak of it, and all agree that it possesses all the virtues you claim for it.

A. H. HIGHTOWER, Conductor M. & W. R. R."

AT THIS SEASON of the year, Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, and other affections of the Throat and Lungs prevail. *Madame Zadoc Porter's Curative Balsam* is a valuable remedy. No family should be without a bottle in the house. It is only 25 cents a bottle, and will be found worth as many dollars for the cure of the above complaints. It is for sale by all Druggists. 4w37

"A Widow and Her Child."

A singular instance of superstition came to light not long since, which is thus related: Going into a neighbor's house one day last week, I found one of the children suffering from a severe cough, and expressed my opinion that it was a case in which medical assistance should be obtained. The mother of the boy agreed that it was very bad, but said that before calling in a doctor she intended to try a cure that she had long used in similar cases, and never found to fail. On being pressed to communicate the prescription, she gravely informed me that the charm consisted in HALE'S HONEY OF HOREHOUND AND TAR, and that it could be obtained of all the druggists. Price 50 cents and $1. Great saving by purchasing large size. Depot—CRITTENTON, 7 Sixth avenue, New York City.

PIKE'S TOOTHACHE DROPS Cure in one minute.

IF young ladies with blotches on their skin, which are erroneously attributed to irregularities of the liver, would discard cosmetics and mercurials, and adopt the practice of taking a warm bath every day with a cake of GLENN'S SULPHUR SOAP as a companion, the unsightly blemishes would soon disappear, and the lily and the rose would take their place. This is a secret which the fashionable are fast beginning to find out to their decided advantage. Sold by druggists. Price 25c. per cake. 1 box (3 cakes), 75c., sent by mail, prepaid, on receipt of price. C. N. CRITTENTON, proprietor, 7 Sixth avenue, New York.

HILL'S HAIR AND WHISKER DYE, Black or Brown, 50 cents. 4w38

A New and Sure Cure

For Liver and Kidney Diseases, Nervous Debility, Vital Weakness and Depression; a weak, exhausted and gloomy feeling; no energy or courage, the result of mental overwork or indiscretions, &c., is found in Dr. Gage's famous "LIVER, KIDNEY AND NERVE PILLS," which have performed more marvelous cures of Dyspepsia, Habitual Costiveness, Gravel, Liver and Kidney Diseases, Nervous and Sick Headache, Spine and Female Diseases, Dizziness, Palpitation of the Heart and Nervous Debility of either sex, than any remedy extant. They are absolutely the best vegetable pill ever offered to afflicted humanity, and should be in every house. A few doses will save heavy doctors' bills. If your druggist hasn't them, take no cheap and worthless substitute, but send 25 cents to Dr. Gage & Co., Saratoga, N. Y., and receive them by mail. For sale in Palmer by G. H. APPLETON, Pharmacist and Druggist. 1y38eow20

It Has Stood the Test.

If you doubt the wonderful success of SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE, give it a trial; then if you are not perfectly satisfied, return the bottle and we will refund the price paid. It has established the fact that consumption can be cured, while for coughs, hoarseness, asthma, whooping cough and all lung or throat troubles, there is nothing like it for a quick and positive cure, and it seldom fails. 10 cents, 50 cents and $1.00 per bottle. If your lungs are sore, or chest or back lame, use SHILOH'S POROUS PLASTER. Price 25 cents. Sold by G. H. APPLETON.

DR. SHILOH'S SYSTEM VITALIZER is no doubt the most successful cure for dyspepsia and liver complaint we have ever known, otherwise we would not guarantee it. In cases of consumption, where general debility, loss of appetite and constipation exist, it will restore and regulate the system, while SHILOH'S CURE allays the inflammation and heals the lungs. Price 75 cents. Sold by G. H. APPLETON.

HACKMETACK, a rich and fragrant perfume. Sold by G. H. APPLETON, Palmer, Mass, and elsewhere by dealers generally. eowlyIS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF of Coughs and Colds, use the popular remedy, *Madame Porter's Cough Balsam*, one of the best and cheapest medicines sold; its virtues have been tested by thousands for many years in the treatment of all diseases of the throat and lungs, and is confidently offered as a reliever of those diseases. Price 25, 50 and 75 cents a bottle. 4w35

BORN.

At Palmer, 12th, a son to JAMES B. SHAW.
At Collins' Depot, 3d, a daughter to E. B. GATES.
At Belchertown, 6th, a son B. L. THRASHER.
At Granby, 7th, a daughter to LYMAN A. CHAPIN, and granddaughter to Philo Chapin.
At South Wilbraham, 11th, a son to Hon. MARSHALL H. TWICHELL, State Senator in Louisiana; 12th, a son to JAMES MULRONY.

MARRIED.

At Warren, 13th, CHARLES H. KEITH of Palmer and EMMA G. Bond of Warren.
At Three Rivers, 12th, by Rev. Philip Berry, FRANK M. PERRY and ADDIE R. LOOMIS, both of Three Rivers.
At Ware, 7th, by Rev. Wm. G. Tuttle, LORENZO A. SQUIRES and MARY A. PACKARD, both of Enfield.
At Wilbraham, 4th, by Ira G. Potter, Esq., WARREN COLLINS of Collins' Depot, and CAROLINE CLARK.
At Brookfield, 6th, by Rev C. E. Stebbins, W. A. TAYLOR of Granby and RUTH S. LYMAN.
At West Warren, 5th, by Rev. A. H. Somes, LEWIS G. SARGENT and Mrs. LUCINDA CRANE.
At Enfield, 4th, by Rev. J. A. Day, R. A. BECKWITH and EVELYN BEDURTHA, both of South Wilbraham.

DIED.

At Monson, 11th, AMANDA C., 67, widow of Larkin Fay.
At Wales, 5th, SYBIL C., 58, wife of F. C. Smith.
At Monson, 7th, Rev. DAVID COBURN, 69.
At Amherst, 6th, of diphtheretic croup, FRANK, 3 yrs. and 6 mos., son of John M. and Mary Hyde.
At Springfield, 9th, MARGARETTA, 37, wife of Jacob Bender; 9th, HANNAH, 76, widow of Joseph Lombard; 10th, J. LOUIS STEBBINS, 33.

HARD AND SOFT WOOD!
For sale in quantities to suit, by
3Stf J. W. WEEKS, Palmer.

TENEMENT TO RENT ON CHURCH STREET, very cheap. Inquire of
H. W. MUNGER.
Palmer, Dec. 12, 1877. 38tf

FOR SALE! ONE TEAM HORSE and all kinds of ICE TOOLS, Farm Wagons, &c.
G. W. BURDICK.
Monson, Dec. 15th, 1877. 2w38

A CARD.

I find that by giving my *personal* attention to horse shoeing, and the great reduction in the price of shoeing material, that I can shoe all new for $1.25, which will be my price from date.
G. W. BURDICK.
Monson, Dec. 15th, 1877. 2w38

MONSON NATIONAL BANK.—
MONSON, MASS., Dec. 8th, 1877.
The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Monson National Bank for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before them, will be holden at their Banking House, on Tuesday, the 8th day of January, 1878, at two o'clock p. m.
1w38 E. F. MORRIS, Cashier.

THE UNDERSIGNED, a resident of Iowa, is desirous of corresponding with the Fair Sex with a view to *Matrimony*. Lady must command a capital of not less than five thousand dollars, and must not be less than 25 nor more than 35 years of age, and must possess a knowledge of house work. Address
HARRY T. J.,
2w38* Box 46, Atlantic, Cass Co., Iowa.

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Useful and Ornamental
HOLIDAY GOODS!

My stock in this line is more varied and complete than ever before, containing many new novelties. I have just bought a fine line of

ANTIQUE POTTERY,

which, since the Centennial, has become very popular. Also, a good assortment of EMBOSSED PICTURES for their decoration, and the ornamentation of many other things. Also, a great variety of

TOYS, FANCY ARTICLES,

VASES, COLOGNE SETS, BLACK WALNUT BRACKETS and ORNAMENTS,

Games, Puzzles, Blocks, Picture Books, Writing Desks, Work Boxes, Handkerchief and Glove Boxes, Fancy Boxes of Perfumery, China and Gilt Moustache Cups, Coffee and Tea Cups,

PLATED WARE, BRONZE GOODS,

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Articles in Majolica and Cryolite, and many other articles too numerous to mention.

I have received the Agency of the

NEW AMERICAN SEWING MACHINE,

which has been so improved that in some points it is superior to any other machine.

Can sell a new Machine for $25 Cash!

E. J. WOOD,
Nassowanno Block, Palmer.

N. B.—My stock of goods will be removed to Allen's Block, Jan. 1st, 1878.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To Caroline L. Dixon of Monson, in said county, and to Stephen Dixon, her husband, supposed to be in the State of Rhode Island:

Whereas, an application for Guardianship has been made to said court by the selectmen of said Monson, alleging that the said Caroline L. Dixon is an insane person, and incapable of taking care of herself, and praying that Rice M. Reynolds, of said Monson, or some other suitable person, may be appointed her guardian, agreeably to the law in such case made and provided,

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be holden at Springfield, in and for said county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of January next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why a guardian should not be appointed as aforesaid.

And said petitioners are hereby directed to cause said Caroline L. Dixon and, if found in this State, the said Stephen Dixon also, to be notified of the time and the place appointed for the hearing of said complaint, by serving each of them with a copy of this order, fourteen days at least before said court; but if the said Stephen Dixon be not found in this State the said petitioners are further directed to publish this citation, once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer, in said county, the last publication to be at least two days before said court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.
SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.
A copy. Attest: SAMUEL B. SPOONER,
3w38 Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Elias L. Paul, late of Palmer, in said county, deceased, Greeting:

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by Susan R. Paul, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, and that she may be exempt from giving a surety or sureties on her official bond as such executrix, it being so requested in said will,

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of January next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said court, and by mailing a copy hereof to such of said next of kin as may reside out of this Commonwealth, fourteen days at least before said Court.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Betsey Barton, late of Palmer, in said county, deceased, Greeting:

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate by Wilson Brainard and John C. Brainard, who pray that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named,

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of January next, at nine o'clock before noon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

And said petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said court, and by mailing a copy hereof to such of said next of kin as may reside out of this Commonwealth, fourteen days at least before said court.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate, not already administered, of William H. Rice, late of Brimfield, in the county of Hampden, deceased; and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to
CHARLES L. GARDNER, Adm'r.
Palmer, Mass., Dec. 13, 1877. 3w38

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GREAT SPECIALTY

FOR THE

HOLIDAY TRADE.

We give notice that we have this season added several branches to our already universally large and attractive stock of HOLIDAY GOODS, and that we have made far more extended arrangements for a heavy trade than in any former season. Our stock of useful goods for HOLIDAY PRESENTS is exceedingly inviting, and as the public are so well aware of our annual custom of closing out old goods at the end of every season, they will appreciate the very important fact that they are not buying from us old goods bought at old prices. We would therefore respectfully call the attention of every person desiring to make TRULY A USEFUL PRESENT, to the following list, all of which can be bought from us at the VERY LOWEST PRICES, with the assurance that everything will be just as it is represented or the money will be refunded in every case.

List of Goods for Useful Presents.

A Black Silk Dress, A Colored Silk Dress,
A Matelasse Dress, A Novelty Dress,
A Colored Cashmere Dress,
A Black Cashmere Dress,
A Brilliantine Dress, An Alpaca Dress,
A Henrietta Cloth Dress,
A Basket Cloth Dress,
A Camel's Hair Shawl, An India Shawl,
A Paisley Shawl, A Wool Shawl,
A Beaver Shawl, A Black Thibet Shawl,
A Breakfast Shawl, A Pair of Blankets,
A Marseilles Quilt, Linen Table Cloths and Napkins, A dozen Gent's Handkerchiefs,
A dozen Ladies' Handk'ch'fs, Ladies' Scarfs,
Ladies' Underwear, Gent's Underwear,
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DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS.—The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of Charles Varney of Brimfield, in said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt. CHARLES L. GARDNER,
Assignee.
Palmer, Dec. 5, 1877. 3w37

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Delivered by Rev. Thomas Wilson at the centennial anniversary of the incorporation of the town of Palmer. Inquire at
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During this month we will offer special inducements in BLACK SILKS. We have bought within the past few weeks large quantities at a very low price, with the intention of carrying them over until spring. In order to reduce the stock somewhat, we will until Christmas offer our entire stock of

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS.
November 27th, A. D. 1877.
By virtue of an execution which issued on a judgment recovered at the Superior Court, holden at Springfield within and for said county, on the fourth Monday of October, to wit, on the sixteenth day of November, A. D. 1877, in favor of Timothy D. Potter and Philip H. Potter, copartners under the style of T. D. & P. H. Potter, both of Palmer, in our county of Hampden, and against Margaret Carrol of said Palmer, I have taken the lands that the said Margaret Carrol had on the twentieth day of January, A. D. 1877, the day when the same was attached on mesne process, situated in said Palmer, and bounded and d[illegible]s follows, to wit: Beginning at a poi[illegible] the easterly side of the highway leading from the village of Three Rivers, in said Palmer, to Belchertown, and in said Three Rivers, at the southwest corner of land now or formerly of John Wilson, thence easterly on land last named four to ten rods to the road leading northeasterly from said highway, thence along said road ten rods to a corner, thence southwesterly on said road four rods to the first named highway, thence along said highway ten rods to the place of departure, containing about one-fourth of one acre, with the buildings thereon, being the same premises described in a deed thereof recorded in Hampden registry of deeds, book 334, page 494, and on the thirty-first day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in front of my office in the Depot village of said Palmer, I shall offer said lands for sale by public auction to the highest bidder.
GEO. W. RANDALL,
3w37 Deputy Sheriff.

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THE WARE NATIONAL BANK.—The fourteenth annual meeting of the stockholders of this band will be held at their Banking House in Ware, on Tuesday, the 8th day of January, 1878, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the choice of directors, and for any other business that may legally come before the meeting.
W. S. HYDE, Cashier.
Ware, Dec. 8, 1877. 4w37

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A dinner for two!
It's ready at last!
Begun in the spring,
Now summer is past.

This dinner for two—
O, to just think how
The farmer-men worked
With horses and plow
And the planting-boys,
With their nimble hoes
A-dropping the corn
In the long, straight rows,—
In April and May,
At night, and at morn,
In June and July,
They worked in the corn!

(O, the tall green corn,
All tassel and toss!
O, the broad-leaved corn
With its tangles of floss!)
Then one August day
The green forests fell;
And the men to husk,
And the men to shell,
Were ready to work,
And worked with a will,
And got the corn ready
To carry to mill—
O, the plow and hoe,
The sickle and wheel,—
The end of their toil
Is a bag of meal,

As yellow as gold
And as soft as silk,
And two little girls
Eating pudding and milk!

—*Ella Farman in Wide Awake.*

CATCHING COLD.

The season of the year is now upon us when people everywhere will be taking cold, and in many cases they will suffer much and die. A little care would often prevent it. In the first place, as one of the means to prevent a cold, the daily bath in a warm room, with much friction, is very important. In no case should the body be chilled. Use much friction over the chest and throat, and snuff into the nostrels a little water warmed to comfortable temperature. Next, after the bath, take daily exercise in the open air, neither too much nor too little; exposing the body somewhat to the cold and sun for a short time, but never exhausting it. One chief danger from colds is the exhausted state of the body that first occurs, so it is not able to resist unfavorable influences. People who are not very vigorous should avoid over exertion and keep the strength up to the highest point. It will help those prone to a cold to sleep all they can. Another cause of colds is eating too heartily after a day's work, when there are not forces enough to digest the food and keep up the circulation. Eat moderately at night, if you would avoid a cold. A cold in its early stages may be broken by hot foot-baths, warmth to the body, especially a hot bath in the middle of the day, with much friction and quiet in a comfortable room. It is not advisable to take a hot bath at night in such cases. When you have a cold, don't eat much or work much unless you have great physical strength, when a hard day's work may be a good thing to equalize the circulation and restore the action of the skin, which always suffers when one takes cold.—*Herald of Health.*

Jones says that white flannel suit he bought a year ago has proved a very economical investment, and has been of much use to his family. Jones weighs two hundred and fifty pounds, and when he bought it it fitted him remarkably well. After the first washing, his eldest son, who weighs one hundred pounds less than Jones, senior, found it an excellent fit. Two washings made the garment delightful for a youth of nine, and at the end of the season the baby was adorned with the habiliments, which had shrunk just enough to make them fit for a child out of creeping clothes. This year Jones's wife uses them as a dish cloth.

At a school examination a clergyman made a brief address to the pupils on the necessity of obeying their teacher and growing up useful and loyal citizens. To emphasize his remark, he pointed to the national flag spread on one side of the room, and inquired: "Boys, what is that flag for?" A little urchin, who understood the condition of the house better than the speaker, very promptly answered, "To hide the dirt, sir."

To WASH RED TABLE LINEN.—Use tepid water, with a little powdered borax, which serves to set the color; wash the linen separately and quickly, using very little soap; rinse in tepid water, containing a little boiled starch; hang to dry in the shade, and iron when almost dry.

Tar—"What ha' ye got there, boy?" Prentice (of a scientific turn)—"Oh, just scorpions, centipedes, and things I collected in India." Tar—"Wastin' good sperrits on darned rubbish like them!" (Drains bottle.)

In reading a hymn to be sung, one Sunday afternoon, a New York minister recently said, "You may omit the fourth verse; I don't believe it's true."

Abernethy used to say that "of the large quantity of food a man swallowed, one-fourth supported him, and the rest he kept at his risk."

Ink stains in cotton or linen can be removed by washing in salt and water. This should be done before the fabric is washed with soap.

He who is false to present duty breaks a thread in the loom and will see the defect when the weaving of lifetime is unrolled.

"Coarse rice for food, water to drink and a bended arm for a pillow—happiness may be enjoyed even in this," said Confucius.

"No, ma'am," said a grocer to an applicant for credit, "I wouldn't even trust my own feelings."

What lovers swear—To be true until death.
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The TRIBUNE earnestly strove for the election of President Hayes, and it gives its heartiest support to the high purposes of his administration. Doubting the wisdom of methods sometimes taken by his subordinates, and criticising with entire freedom his occasional mistakes, it still thinks it the duty of the hour to hold together and strengthen the party that elected and alone sustains him. It believes the day of danger to the negro has passed, and that of danger to the Tax-Payer has come. The Solid South (at last in full control of every Rebel and Border State) sees its chance to get at the National Treasury, and get back what it lost by the war. Only 47 Northern votes are needed. The danger is upon us; and against it the old party of Freedom, still the party of the Churches and the School Houses, is the only bulwark. It alone can keep the Solid South from grasping the National Government in 1880. It alone can save us, even now, from the threatened Democratic abandonment of resumption and renewed debasement of the currency, which would heedlessly and most wickedly check the revival of business, and treble the country's burdens. In behalf of the old party, therefore, the TRIBUNE renews the old appeal to the National conscience, the National honor, and the enlightened self-interest of the Tax-Payers.

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It seemed as though the eyelids could never be coaxed fast down.

I sang for a good long hour before they were shut quite tight,
For to-morrow will be Christmas and St. Nick comes to-night;
We laughed as we dropped the candies into heel and toe,
For not one little stocking was missing from the row.

But oh, the empty cradles—the tears that pillows wet,
The voice of Rachel crying—my soul cannot forget;
For there is no child to-night in many a house I know,
Where a little sock was hanging only a year ago.

And when our work was ended, we stood a little apart,
Silently praying the Father to soothe that mother's heart
Who looks on her unworn stockings amid her falling tears,
Whose darling is keeping Christmas in Christ's eternal years.

A CHRISTMAS STORY.

It was Christmas eve. I was spending it not in the sweet circle round the home fireside, but in the saloon of a southward bound steamer, where there was nothing to remind one of the blessed season of peace and good will save a solitary cross of evergreen which one passenger had fastened over her stateroom door. It was a wild night. We were just off Cape Hatteras, and the vessel was rolling like a plaything in the hands of the stormy sea. A violent snow storm was raging, and on deck the scene was dreary and arctic. Snow and ice covered everything, and the muffled forms of the sailors passing to and fro under the glare of the lanterns appeared like the weird ghosts of dead arctic voyagers. I was glad to seek the warm saloon and gather myself into a corner of a lounge. To watch the movements of the passengers was amusement enough, and served to prevent me from thinking too tenderly of the home circle where I was missed from the festivities of Christmas eve.

The usual crowd was collected which one always sees on a steamer southward bound in the winter time. Here around a table were gathered a group of men, probably sugar merchants, striving, in spite of the motion of the ship, to play a quiet game of euchre.—Stretched on the sofas were ladies in all the stages of seasickness. A few children not yet put to bed were crouching on the floor with their nurses, and in a warm corner near the heater lay a poor consumptive girl, carefully watched over by her mother and brother.—She was going to die under the orange trees. Only the old story repeated over and over again every winter.

Moving around among all those who were sick was the trim, plump figure of the old stewardess. She was carrying bowls of broth, tumblers of chopped ice, and all those little delicacies so welcome to a sufferer from seasickness. The quiet, placid face of the old lady interested me, and in those few days already passed since leaving port we had become firm friends. With the quick instinct of a woman who had had to do with all kinds of people, she felt that I liked her company, and she had already formed the habit of coming for a friendly chat with me the last thing at night after all her seasick charges were safely tucked in their berths, and her duties for the day over.

I was impatient to-night for her leisure hour to arrive, for I saw a strange tenderness in the old lady's face, and felt sure that the season was arousing old memories in her heart, which perhaps I could induce her to tell me. So when at last she came and sat down on one end of the lounge where I was lying, I said, trying to lead the conversation to what I felt was uppermost in her mind: "It's a rough night for Christmas eve."

"Yes, ma'am," she replied, smoothing the folds of the kerchief across her breast; "but I've seen many a rougher night at sea in my day, and"—thoughtfully—"sadder Christmas eves, too."

"Have you spent many years on the ocean?" I asked.

"Yes, ma'am, but not in this way. I used to have my own little cabin in my husband's ship—a cozy little place where I used to be always at his side, and never felt afraid of storm or wind."

"Tell me about it," I said. "Surely a life like yours has much of interest in it."

"Well, ma'am, I've been thinking it all over to-night, and if you don't mind, I'll tell you some of the things a sailor's wife has to pass through, and how her heart gets wrung very hard sometimes.

"I hadn't much knowledge of those things when I married Charlie, for I was a slip of a girl then and knew no more of the sea than one learns in watching the vessels sail out of and into a quiet land bound harbor. So when Charlie asked me to be his wife and go to sea with him—for although he was young, he had a ship of his own—I said yes with all my heart, for I loved the honest-hearted sailor, ma'am, ever since we were little children together. I only thought then of all the strange sunny lands Charlie had told me about, and to go to sea them with him was to take a trip to Paradise. Well, we were married just before he was to start on a voyage to Brazil. I mind so well of that voyage, ma'am, just as if it all happened yesterday. It was late in November when we started, and right here off Hatteras we had a terrible gale. I was so frightened when the wind howled and whistled through the rigging, and almost wished myself back in the old cottage with mother—for I had a dear mother then, God bless her memory!"

The old lady's voice broke, and she stopped to wipe away the tears which ran down her cheeks.

"And when we came down into the warm tropic seas I was so happy watching the schools of flying fish and the great floating fields of gulf weed; and at night, when the sea was shining and the ship seemed passing through a lake of silver, all my dreams of Paradise were realized.

"Then came the foreign land, with strange swarthy faces, and words I didn't know, and odd fruits, and all manner of queer things. Charlie was never tired of bringing me new and curious trinkets, and I made my little cabin as fancy as a Chinese toy-shop.

"When we came home from that voyage my little Minnie was born. She was a darling blue-eyed baby, and Charlie was so anxious for her comfort that he persuaded me to stay at home with mother, and he went on the next voyage alone.

But I couldn't bear it; so when he came home again I begged him to let me go back to my home in the little cabin. He had found it desolate enough without me, so he said, and we went again together.

"This voyage we lay a long time in the Brazilian port, and before we sailed for home another baby was in my arms. We called her Pepita, after our dear old ship, and it was hard to say which the sailors petted the most, the ship or the baby.

"All went well with us until we were within three days's sail of New York, and then a terrible gale came on. It was in the winter, and for eight long days we tossed at the mercy of the tempest. It was an awful time, ma'am. Charlie didn't laugh then; and although he tried to speak cheerful words I could see he was almost wild with anxiety. I'll never forget that time, when I sat day and night on the cabin floor, with Minnie clinging to my dress and poor little Pepita in my arms, listening to the waves crashing against the ship as if every moment must be our last. The sailors would come down now and then for a drop of hot coffee and to warm their frozen fingers, for everything on deck was covered with ice. They hadn't the heart, poor fellows, to speak to the children, and I saw more than one tear on their rough cheeks when they looked at them, and Pepita would smile and stretch out her little hands in her unconscious baby way.

But God saved us after all. In the evening of the eighth day the wind changed, and we drifted into calmer waters. If it hadn't been for the east wind blowing we might just as well have drifted the other way, for the ship was almost helpless. It was about two in the morning when Charlie rushed into the cabin and almost carried me in his arms to the door. There I saw, gleaming through the fog, two great shining lights. They were like angels' eyes looking from Heaven to me. I've passed those Highland lights many a time since then, ma'am. I've seen them in soft summer evenings and clear spring mornings, but I never see them without my whole heart going out in thanksgiving and praise. No one to whom they have not shone as they did to me that night can know what they really mean, standing there on the headland and pointing to Heaven.

"Well, we saw the lights from other vessels all around us, and at daybreak a tug was alongside, taking our forlorn, nearly wrecked ship up the harbor, and before night I laid Pepita in my mother's arms.

"After that Charlie wouldn't hear to my going to sea again. He said he could bear anything if the children were not suffering, too; so, for the sake of my little ones, I consented to stay behind. Charlie bought a little cottage on the Jersey coast, where I could overlook the sea, and I settled down quietly to take care of the children while he went his voyages.

"He kept on going to Brazil and back for a long time. Twice I left the children with mother—for she had come to live with us in the cottage—and went with him, for it hurt me to pass all my life away from Charlie's side. So everything went well with us. We owned our cottage and a bit of a garden, where mother and Minnie used to pass long summer days weeding and watering and tending the beds of poppies and marigolds and asters—old fashioned flowers such as mother loved. Pepita was her father's own girl.—She loved the sea, and would leave Minnie to take care of the garden and go and sit for hours on the beach watching the waves tumble in among the stones and beat against the foot of the cliff. When Charlie came home she was always the first to see him far down the road, and I'll never forget how her pretty face used to look as she would come dancing up the garden path pulling him with both her hands, and he laughing and calling her all manner of tender names.

"Those were sunny days, ma'am, and I'm sure there never was a happier family than the one gathered around our little table while Charlie was at home.

"We had saved a good bit of money, too, for Charlie wasn't like some sailors, who throw everything about when they are on shore. Every penny we could spare he laid by for the little girls; for they were always little girls to him, and always will be.

"But our day of anxiety was to come. An opportunity was offered Charlie to go on a long voyage to the East Indies. The chance, as we looked at it, was too good to be thrown away; so he sold the Pepita, which was getting to be an old ship, and went off as half owner of another bark, the Arago. It was hard to let him go for so long a time. South America seemed like home, but the East Indies was an unknown world. He was so full of hope that he tried to go off in his usual jolly way, kissing Minnie and telling her she would be a little woman when he came back—she was fourteen then—and promising Pepita no end of curious things from the foreign lands; but there was a great heaviness in my heart, and when he came and put his arm around me and said, 'Keep up courage Maggie; I'll soon be back,' I couldn't look at him. I hid my face in my hands and sobbed like a baby.

"After he was gone we settled back into the old ways; the children went to school, and mother and I kept the house tidy. But I was uneasy; I didn't dare to say anything to trouble the girls, but I never lay down at night without dreaming of shipwreck, and when the time came round when we could expect news from Charlie, it seemed as if my heart would burst with anxiety. The news never came. Day after day we waited, and little by little a sad silence settled down on our cottage. When word would come of the arrival of ships which sailed long after Charlie's did, we would look in each other's faces and never speak a word, but each knew what sorrow was in the other's heart. Only Pepita never gave up. 'My father will come back; my father will come back,' she used to say, until I couldn't bear to hear her, because I couldn't believe it; and when she used to stand for hours, shading her eyes with her hand and gazing off over the water, it drove me almost wild, because I knew what she was watching for.

"A summer and winter and another summer had passed since Charlie went away, and when Christmas came round again I laid my poor mother in the churchyard, and came back alone with my children to the cottage.

"How I got through the next year, ma'am, I can never tell. As I look back it appears like an awful dream, but I do remember the Christmas eve, the third without Charlie. Minnie, Pepita and I sat huddled around the fire talking in low tones about our lost; for we could bear now to speak of him sometimes, and it soothed me to hear the children talk and to see how much they loved him. Pepita tried that night to sing one of the sailor songs he had taught her, but she couldn't do that. Her voice broke down, and we couldn't one of us speak another word.

"It was a sad Christmas eve, ma'am—the first one when all hope had really gone out, and when I lay down to sleep that night I felt that, except I must live for the children's sake, it would be such a blessing to die.

"Christmas morning was very clear, and I remember how the sunlight danced in our little kitchen. It fell like a blessing on Minnie's pretty hair, making it sparkle like gold, and reflected on the picture of Charlie's ship—not the lost one, but the dear old Pepita which hung on the wall.

"The table was spread, and we sat down to our sad repast. Minnie folded her hands to say grace, when—oh, ma'am, I can hardly tell you about it, even after all these years—Pepita screamed like one mad with joy. I sprung to my feet. I couldn't tell what had happened to me. I saw looking in at the window—Charlie—Charlie alive and well!

"I don't know how it all was; I know I couldn't move. I saw as in a dream Charlie in the room and Pepita's arms around his shoulder like one dead.

"There are no words to tell you, ma'am, of the joy and happiness we knew in our little cottage that Christmas day. We couldn't realize it ourselves. I didn't dare to take my eyes from Charlie for a moment, lest I should look back and find him gone. Minnie and Pepita both sat clinging to him. He had a long story to tell us of shipwreck upon shipwreck, of long waiting upon lonely islands, watching month after month for sails which never seemed to come—adventures through which many a poor sailor has passed, and from which many a one never came back to tell the story as Charlie did.

"That night, sitting by the fire after the children had left us alone, I made Charlie promise that he would never leave me again, but would give up the sea and stay with us in the cottage.

"I didn't realize till long afterward how hard it had been for him to promise me that. I had come to have such a terror of the sea that I couldn't realize how a sailor's heart delighted in it. When years had passed, and Minnie and Pepita had both married and left us alone, I began to feel how hungry Charlie was for the life he had loved so much. He used to spend his time wandering about the docks and going on board the ships in from foreign ports; and sometimes he would sit on the cliff for hours with his spyglass, watching the passing vessels, and more than once I heard him sigh as if his heart was bursting; but I would never listen when he spoke of going to sea again, until at last his health began to fail, and it seemed there was nothing for him but to return to his old life or die. But I couldn't bear to let him go alone, and he couldn't bear to leave me behind. We were both too old to begin life over in the long trading voyages; and as Charlie had the offer of the place of first mate on this ship, ma'am—the captain is an old friend of his ma'am—I got the situation as stewardess, and for three years Charlie and I have been traveling back and forth together, and we will continue to do it as long as God gives us health and strength to bear the journey."

The old lady stopped and looked hesitatingly at me and at some other passengers who had gathered near to listen, as if she feared we were wearied by her long family history.

I hastened to reassure her by thanks for the pleasant way she had entertained us during the long Christmas eve at sea.

"And so Charlie is really on board with you?" I said.

"Oh, yes, ma'am," she replied, smiling. "I would not be here without him. Did you mind the man who was speaking to me at the cabin door to-night—the tall, stout man with a gray beard? Yes, you saw him, did you? That was Charlie."

WINTER FLOWERS.

In filling the pots in which winter flowers are to be potted, a mistake is very often made at the very commencement. Many think that the hole in the bottom of the pot furnishes sufficient drainage. It is true that it does for some plants which are not over-sensitive to an over supply of water, but for many of the more susceptible kinds it is necessary to place a few pieces of broken crockery or brick in the bottom, especially when the pots are deep. And after the pot is filled with properly prepared soil, put in in the proper manner, the good work is often spoiled by the mode of watering. Too many water with the idea that it is nothing but water which the plants need. If the water can pass freely through the soil it opens small orifices through which the air can circulate, and in this way gives a vigorous growth. Little and often is a good rule with some plants, while others are seldom injured by too much. If the water remains even for a short time on the surface of the earth in the pot you may rest assured that there is something wrong either in the soil or drainage, and often in both. A porous, open soil, with a large percentage of well rotted compost and sand, is indispensible to the proper growth of plants in pots, and unless the necessary trouble is taken to secure it the attempt to grow plants will fail of even medium success.

Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them, and while their hearts can be thrilled by them. The things you mean to say when they are gone, say before they go. The flowers you mean to send for their coffins, send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them. If my friends have alabaster boxes laid away, full of perfumes of sympathy and affection, which they intend to break over my dead body, I would rather they would bring them out in my weary hours, and open them, that I may be refreshed and cheered by them while I need them. I would rather have a bare coffin without a flower, and a funeral without an eulogy, than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy. Let us learn to anoint our friend beforehand, for their funeral. Post-mortem kindnesses do not cheer the burdened spirit. Flowers on the coffin cast no fragrance backward over the weary days.—*N. Y. Evangelist.*

Tom: "Dont'sh likesh to go 'ome. I'm afraidsh of my old ooman, Bill, aintsh you o' yourn?" Bill: "Notsh a hit. I soon shets her up. Dontsh yer know she's a getting very thin on the topsh, so when she sauces, I just getsh out my razor and stropsh it well (hie) on her baldsh head; itsh a deal better than hitting her."

Sister—"Well, you know, Bobby, your eye's very inflamed; you can't go out with Tommy Brown till that speck of dust's out of it." Bobby (anxious to be off)—"I'm all right; I know it's out now; (earnestly) I—I think I heard it fall."

Days of My Youth.

Days of my youth, ye have glided away;
Hairs of my youth, ye are frosted and gray;
Eyes of my youth, your keen sight is no more;
Cheeks of my youth, ye are furrowed all o'er;
Strength of my youth, all your vigor is gone;
Thoughts of my youth, your gay visions are flown.

Days of my youth, I wish not your recall;
Hairs of my youth, I'm content ye should fall;
Eyes of my youth, ye much evil have seen;
Cheeks of my youth, bathed in tears have you been;
Thoughts of my youth, ye have led me astray;
Strength of my youth, why lament your decay?

Days of my age, ye will shortly be passed;
Pains of my age, yet awhile ye can last;
Joys of my age, in true wisdom delight;
Eyes of my age, be religion your light;
Thoughts of my age, dread ye not the cold sod;
Hopes of my age, be ye fixed on your God.

OUR BOSTON LETTER.

Holiday Notes for the Ladies.

BOSTON, Dec. 20th, 1877.

Well, the election is over, which has so long been agitating the minds of the entire masculine portion of the community and a large part of the feminine element, and now that the city has been set straight on the road to prosperity, according to the belief of one party, and on the broad road to ruin and entire destruction according to the expressed belief of the other, there will be time to think of something else beside rival candidates for the mayoralty, opposing aldermen and councilmen, and differing school committees.

Isn't it funny how the result of an election affects the average masculine temper. I wonder if we shall be such political barometers, when we vote? If we are, won't we all be comfortable and miserable together! There's a nice little Mormon Sunday school hymn which might be adapted for these family occasions:

"The Republican (or Democratic) father loves to see
His Republican (or Democratic) family agree;
The prattling infant on his knee
Cries, 'Papa, I'm a Republican (or Democrat).'"

You see it can be altered to suit all parties, including Prohibition and Labor Reform.

My interest in the election centered in the school committee, naturally enough, since two ladies were on the list of candidates. Miss Peabody was elected, but unfortunately Miss Hale was defeated. It is a matter of great regret, because Miss Hale was undoubtedly better fitted for the office than the person who is elected in her place, and has besides more leisure to attend to its duties.

But what has all this to do with holiday pleasures and festival keeping? Nothing, perhaps, and yet this morning, even in a busy, bustling, crowded place as Jordan & Marsh's store, where, judging from appearances, every two women out of three out of city and suburb, had come to look for Christmas gifts, while one thought was given to the object of the visit, the next was given to election matters, and the way the two were mixed up was very funny.

One might well ask where to commence, when a dignified and well behaved establishment is turned temporarily into a "Bazar of Nations," for what with umbrellas from England, knick-knacks from France, Russia leather things from Vienna—by the way, what do they call it Russia for, when it never saw that country?—carved woods from Switzerland, perfumes from "Araby the blest"—meaning Paris and Cologne—queer conceits from Japan, and "Yankee notions" from all over the States, it certainly is reduced to that. Things are turned topsy-turvey generally, and you find it in your mind to wonder if the same isn't true of the salesman's brains. They do loook bewildered in the holiday season, and don't get the dazed look out of their faces until after the supplementary cheap sale is over, and they start fairly and squarely again on their regular spring business. I've seen neckties enough this morning, I think, without exaggeration, to furnish one at least to every adult in Massachusetts, handkerchiefs enough to carry them all through the severest influenza cold, and aprons for each school girl under fourteen in New England. Somehow, these articles, with gloves, are the favorite holiday gifts for the majority of people. And when you come to think of it, since they have little to invest—for certainly the large majority have but little this year—isn't it altogether more sensible to put that money into something that shall add service to beauty, and be of use as well as for ornament? The days of grand presents are over, and where one hundred dollars used to be spent, ten has to do now. After all, what does it matter? it is the thought and kind remembrance that enhances the value of the gift and makes it sacred, rather than its cost. You may convey as much affectionate regard in a knot of ribbon for the throat, as in a gift that shall cost ever so much more. Still if you wish to spend more money, you can do it, and yet keep to the useful articles. There are silk umbrellas with rustic, club, carved ivory, and newer, uglier, and more stylish than all the rest, pug-dog handles, traveling and shopping bags of Russia leather and English morocco, dressing cases with ivory or shell combs and ivory or inlaid handled brushes, and all styles of dress patterns, from elegant black silk down to simple wool materials. I don't think any one would turn up her nose at any such gifts. It has only required a morning visit to Jordan & Marsh's to catalogue for you the entire list of useful and appropriate gifts. It is their yearly carnival time and they find ready responses to their invitations to attend.

Now my dear, if you've quite decided in your own mind what you want, and you think Jack doesn't know, just give him this letter to read, with a casual remark that your black silk is almost worn out, you really will have to have a new one; or wasn't it stupid of you to leave your umbrella in the cars and of course you'll never see it again, or else "how shabby my shopping bag is; well, I've carried it two years," of course he'll see the connection unless he's, unlike the rest of his sex, very stupid and impervious to hints. Perhaps he'll return the compliment and talk about dressing cases and boxes of handkerchiefs, and ask if you've read the letter carefully, and you'll understand "the drift of remarks," like the bright woman you are, and won't you both call the unhappy individual blessed, who has hunted up holiday things for the benefit of her kind and tried at least to make holiday shopping an easy task. I discovered something else as well, quite an important item too, to those who have many persons to remember in these holiday times. Prices are exceedingly low, and really very nice articles can be purchased at a comparatively small outlay. What do you think, for example, of English twilled silk umbrellas for $3.50?

Two charming books have just reached me from Roberts Bros., "Windfalls," by T. G. Appleton, and poems by Louise Chandler Moulton. The first is a volume of essays, bright, entertaining, and most thoroughly readable, and tales written in the same easy, fascinating manner which we all remember so pleasantly in Mr. Appleton's "Nile Journal." Mrs. Moulton's poems are well known, most of them having been published in magazines and widely copied. There is daintiness rather than depth to them, and a sweetness and pathos that gives them an irresistible charm. Roberts Bros. have issued them in a small volume, neatly bound in black and red, a style of binding that suggests the "No Name" series.

SALLIE JOY WHITE.

"FIGHT IT OUT."

A story is told of a daughter of a prominent person now in the lecture field which is peculiarly interesting and suggestive of unconscious wisdom. A gentleman was invited to the lecturer's house to tea. Immediately on being seated at the table the little girl astonished the family circle and the guest by the abrupt question:

"Where is your wife?"

Now the gentleman, having been recently separated from the partner of his life, was taken so completely by surprise that he stammered forth the truth:

"I don't know."

"Don't know!" replied the *enfant terrible.* "Why don't you know?"

Finding that the child persisted in her interrogatories, despite the mild reproof of her parents, he concluded to make a clean breast of the matter and have it over at once. So he said with a calmness which was the result of inward expletives:

"Well, we don't live together; we think, as we can't agree, we'd better not."

He stifled a groan as the child began again, and darted an exasperated look at her parents. But the little torment would not be quieted, until she exclaimed:

"Can't agree! Then why don't you fight it out, as pa and ma do?"

"Vengeance is mine," laughingly retorted the visitor, after "pa" and "ma" exchanged looks of holy horror, followed by the inevitable roar.

NEW REMEDY FOR WAKEFULNESS.

When the mind is active, reasons Dr. John L. Cook, of Kentucky, the brain is correspondingly active; we breathe more frequently, and the movements of the heart are more rapid and vigorous. On the other hand, when the mind is at rest, as in healthy sleep, the circulation in the brain is notably diminished, the heart-beats are less rapid and forcible, and the breathing is perceptibly slower. In the wakeful state the mind, as a rule, is intensely occupied, whence we may infer an increased amount of blood in the brain. Dr. Cook's suggestion is to withdraw a portion of this from the head, or lower the brain circulation, by taking deep and slow inspirations—say twelve or fifteen a minute. By this means the action of the heart, pulses and brain is reduced, and very soon a quiet feeling, ending in sleep, follows. The system slows up like a railroad train when the locomotive throws off steam. The imitation of sleep produces reality. Probably, also, the effort of changing the respiration diverts the mind, thus promoting the desired end, as when one falls asleep often against his will in listening to continuous reading or public speaking. A remedy so simple and natural, having none of the objections of drugs, will commend itself to many sufferers who will test its value by actual experiment.

Gold cannot buy happiness, and the parents who compel their daughters to marry for money, or station, commit a grevious sin against God and humanity. And the woman who marries a churl for his wealth will find that she has made a terrible bargain; that all the glitterings of heartless grandeur are but the phosphorescent gleamings of heart-wretchedness, that her life will be one of gilded misery, and her old age will be like a crag on the bleak side of a desert mountain, where cold moonbeams sometimes glitter, but no sunshine ever falls, no flowers ever bloom, nor birds sing, but wild storms howl and hoarse thunders roar; and through the sweeping storm shall be heard the stern voice of the Great God, saying, "Your riches are corrupted, your garments are moth-eaten, your gold and silver are cankered, and the rust of them shall be a witness against you and eat your flesh as it were fire."

At the time of the execution of Costley, at Dedham, the ceremony was witnessed by a large number of prominent citizens selected by Sheriff Thomas from the towns in Norfolk county. Among those were two gentlemen whose religious doctrines were diametrically opposite. When the weight had been dropped, and the victim had been drawn upward, one of the gentlemen, who held strong Calvinistic opinions, turned to the other, who was an equally strong Universalist, and said, "There is a man who has been justly hanged for the murder of an innocent girl. I suppose you will say he has gone to heaven." "Well," replied the Universalist neighbor, "I cannot say. He's headed that way, anyhow!"

In the lives of the saddest of us there are bright days, when we feel as if we could take the great world into our arms. Then come the gloomy days, when the fire will neither burn on our hearths nor in our hearts, and all without and within is dismal, cold and dark. Believe me, every heart has its secret sorrows, which the world knows not; and oftentimes we call a man cold when he is only sad. —*Longfellow.*

It is a common proverb, and indeed it is the creed of the homœopathist, that like cures like. But there is one thing as to which neither homœopathist or allopathist has pronounced an opinion, and that is, what cures dislike?

As the trial of a breach of promise suit was about to begin in San Francisco, a juror arose and asked to be excused, because he was engaged to be married, and consequently his mind was not free from bias. He was excused.

A young lady residing in a border town was heard to remark in regard to her father's snoring, that "the neighbors all set out their wash tubs, thinking that a thunder storm was coming up."

The young man's mind now turns toward hops, and they go to his head or his heels, as he takes them in beer or ball rooms.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1877.

Read This!

All persons indebted to this office for subscriptions, advertising or job work are requested to make payment for the same before Jan. 1st, 1878.

GERMANY is passing through a political crisis, caused by Bismarck's determination to oust certain opponents of his in high court circles or resign himself.

THE holidays are at hand, and as usual everybody is making purchases for the bestowal of gifts. The receivers will no doubt be happy as the givers, and all be anxious to wish each other A Merry Christmas.

PRESIDENT HAYES proposes to send a special message to the Senate after the recess, in which it is understood he will insist upon his right to select his appointments without dictation from the Senate.

MR. KIMBALL, the church debt raiser, last Sunday undertook the job of removing a debt of nearly $250,000 from the Church of the Holy Trinity in New York, and succeeded in raising $145,000, the largest amount he ever secured in one day.

SITTING BULL is getting sick of his "white mother," or at least of his neighbors, the Blackfeet Indians, and wants to come back to Uncle Sam's domains, where he can get up a row occasionally. But he will stay in Canada through the winter.

WHEN the Confederacy succumbed it had some $10,000,000 or $15,000,000 in money and other property in Europe. Our Government would like to get hold of it, and it is proposed to let some lawyers take the job of collecting it for fifty per cent. of the amount obtained.

BERKSHIRE County is experiencing a genuine temperance revival. More than 2000 persons have signed the pledge at North Adams, where Francis Murphy and his assistants have been at work. Meetings have been held in Pittsfield this week, and the blue ribbon brigade is receiving large accessions daily.

A NEW combination of the coal companies was effected Tuesday in New York, the prime object of which is to regulate the quantity to be shipped, and keep up the prices. A Board of Control is to apportion the amount of production of each company, and a penalty of $1.25 per ton will be collected for overshipment of quotas.

THERE has been a lively little scrimmage down in El Paso county, Texas, the past week, over the possession of some salt mines, and an attempt was made at first to give a warlike look to the affair by charging the troubles upon an invading party of Mexicans; but it seems to have been purely a local broil, and is now all over with.

A MEETING of citizens was held in Springfield last Saturday night to give voice to the desire of some real estate owners that the new bridge at the South End should be changed from the commissioners' location at the ferry to a point further south, where it would benefit their property. But the voicing was emphatically the other way, the proposition being negatived by a vote of about 25 to 1.

TENNESSEE proposes to scale down its debt by making its bondholders take fifty cents on a dollar. A "road agent" who makes a person "stand and deliver" is summarily punished if captured, but a sovereign State can borrow money, and then when its creditors ask for their pay, give them only such a portion of their due as it chooses, and they can whistle for the rest. Really, the road agent is the more honest thief of the two.

SINCE the fall of Plevna, the Sultan has sent a circular to the different Powers intimating that he is ready to accept their mediatory offices. But the Czar proposes to make his own terms with the Turkish goverment without outside interference, and Germany and Austria are willing he should. But England wants a hand in the final adjustment, and is beginning to bluster considerably about it, and Parliament has been called to meet on the 17th of next month to see about it.

SAN FRANCISCO bankers are sending the trade dollar to Western manufacturers, who pay it out to their help. The bankers and manufacturers make 2½ per cent. between them by the operation, but the workmen who receive them and are pleased with their chink, find they do not buy as many of the necessaries of life as greenbacks will. And yet this dollar contains 7½ grains more of silver than the "dollar of the daddies" which Congress wants to remonetize and make an unlimited legal tender.

SENATORS Conkling of New York and Gordon of Georgia had a little spat in an executive session last week, and the fiery Georgian intimated that they would settle the matter in the old-fashioned way of "pistols and coffee for two." But friends intereceded and effected a reconciliation without any bloodshed. The fight over the New York nominations also brought Conkling and Blaine into harmony, after a dozen years' estrangement, and now all is peace between them.

"How pleasant 'tis to see
Little children all agree."

Last Saturday evening L. R. Eddy of Webster found a man in his hay mow wrapped in some blankets he had missed. He was but just alive, and his body was covered with scrofulous sores. He was a mule spinner by trade, had become discouraged, and crawled in there to die. For fourteen days he ate nothing, but then ate some corn, drinking water from the horse pail. He was sent to Tewksbury, but probably cannot recover.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

An insane mother in Cincinnati on Sunday fatally wounded her infant, and then attempted to take her own life.

A boy named Hickey, 11 years of age, shot and killed a little playmate, three years old, in Boston Wednesday.

Lucy Ann Mink, the Lowell female who killed Charles Ricker, was sentenced on Saturday to nine years in the House of Correction.

Five children were killed by coal gas at Randolph Tuesday night. The mother also was nearly suffocated, but was alive at last accounts.

Twenty-three persons were dangerously poisoned at Whitehaven, Pa., last week, by eating liver pudding which had been boiled in a copper kettle.

A drunken soldier shot the sergeant of his company at Silver Springs, W. T., last Friday, and during the night he was hung by some of his comrades.

Mrs. Esther Eggleston, keeper of a disreputable house at Holyoke, was found dead in bed last week Thursday, and is believed to have committed suicide.

An outlaw named Schamme, in jail at Georgetown, Col., and a negro murderer in jail at Murfreesboro, Tenn., were the other day taken out by mobs and hung.

The recently reported drowning in the Mississippi of the Aborn family from Tolland, Ct., was incorrect. They have arrived at their new home in Kansas all right.

John Kintzler and his wife were burned up in their log house in Snyder county, Pa., a few nights ago. It is thought they were robbed and murdered, the robbers firing the house to cover their deed.

Joseph King of Lawrenceville, Ind., was fatally shot the other day by his son, at the instigation of the mother, and the dying man lay in the yard all night, the mother and son paying no heed to his cries for relief.

Ann Carey of Lynn has been arrested for inhumanly beating a little orphan girl living with her. The child's nose has been broken, her hair pulled out by the roots, and her back, neck and ears terribly burned with a red-hot iron.

Three drunken men and a boy, driving from Dudley to Groversdale, were thrown from their wagon Sunday afternoon and one of the men was killed, the others very seriously injured, and the boy badly bruised. A jug of liquor in the smashed-up wagon was uninjured.

The story published last week of the abduction of Fannie Burt of Westport, Ct., turns out a pure fabrication. She was a prisoner all the time in the barn of Amos Barnes, a neighbor with whom her father was on ill terms, and when released Barnes threatened to burn her father's house if she told where she had been.

The boiler in the large candy factory of Greenfield & Sons, on Barclay street, New York, burst about 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon, badly wrecking the factory and injuring and killing a number of persons. It is supposed that there were about 120 persons, mostly boys and girls, in the factory at the time, and of those who escaped many were badly injured, and it is thought that from 25 to 50 were killed outright, or perished in the flames which spread over the building at once. It was impossible to explore the ruins during the night on account of the fire and the dangerous condition of the walls. The boiler was an old one and had been reported unsound. The loss will amount to about $250,000.

FACTS, FASHIONS AND FOIBLES.

—Cloak sleeves are large and loose.
—Andrew Jackson was a dead shot.
—Circle cloaks are growing in favor.
—Colonel Ingersoll lectures for $250 a night.
—Tally-ho is the new velocipede, with horses.
—Enameled napkin rings are new this season.
—Jacquard cloth is the new cloaking material.
—The Empress of Russia is a good seamstress.
—The short dress is gradually coming into vogue again.
—Springfield boasts 40,000 volumes in her public library.
—Russian lace is the novelty for trimming underclothing.
—Blondin has traveled nearly 2500 miles on the tight-rope.
—If a Paris policeman gets drunk twice he is dismissed.
—Hammocks for "dolly" are the latest toys for little girls.
—Two hundred newspapers have perished in Washington.
—Curled cock's feathers tipped with jet are very fashionable.
—The Japanese are said to have no words with which to swear.
—The latest curbstone luxury at New York is hot roasted apples.
—There were 98 sailing vessels and four steamers lost in October.
—Colored Christmas candy killed a child in New York the other day.
—One of the richest furs for trimming is the fisher-tail; but it costs.
—A Deadwood man shot himself, took a drink with a friend and died.
—Statisticians show that London contains nearly 500,000 dwelling houses.
—King Alphonso's bride will be married in stockings of sapphire silk.
—Blondes are out of fashion; even dolls have dark brown hair and eyes.
—The Duke of Norfolk's wedding day cost him £20,000, or two moths' income.
—New York is the third city in Christendom in point of population and wealth.
—There are said to be over 12,000 dentists in the United States in active business.
—Silk stockings, with lace medallions covering the instep, are sold at $30 a pair.
—Farmers were plowing in towns on the line of the Old Colony Railroad last week.
—The novelty in ladies' boots is to have the tops of bourette cloth to match the dress.
—Philadelphia has over 200 acres of ground devoted to public parks within city limits.
—The Boston & Albany railroad corporation pays to Boston $8000 per annum as water rates.
—There will be 30 miles' length of gas, steam and water pipes in the new State Capitol at Hartford.
—One of the characters of Chicago is the "pin man," who wanders about the city all day picking up pins.
—A Malone (N. Y.) jury found that a man "died by the visitation of God, in a natural way or otherwise."
—Baltimoreans have been swindled to a considerable extent recently by New York baby show speculators.
—The late Carnie Johnson, of Milldale, Conn., who proclaimed himself a town pauper, left an estate worth over $100,000.
—Baltimore has a temperance revival and over 12,000 have signed the pledge. At Albany 10,000 signatures have been obtained.
—Little barometers for the dressing table are in the shape of a bunch of flowers, whose varying hues denote the approaching changes in the weather.
—Dragon, moss, olive, lizard, myrtle, sea-foam, Nile, salad, bottle, bronze and hunter's green are the various shades of this one color, now the favorite of fashion. The pea green and apple green, known to the last generation, are never mentioned.

LOCAL BUSINESS NOTICES.

Wanted Immediately—A girl to do housework. Call on J. S. Holden.

Brooks has a larger stock than ever before offered in Palmer in his line of goods.

It is a fact—Appleton is really selling his large and fine stock of Holiday Gifts at cost.

Crowds at Appleton's every day. People can't resist when nice goods are sold for cash.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Pack away your furs.

We wish you all A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Dolls are ripe and ready to be picked for the holidays.

This mild weather is estimated to be worth about $7 a ton.

The oldest inhabitant remembers just such weather as this—in June.

Ladies with new cloaks and winter bonnets don't like this warm weather.

White, the marble worker, has begun the cellar for a new shop on Thorndike street.

George Robinson is to build a new house on his lot, corner of Park and Central Sts.

The bright moonlight and mild air have made the evenings "just lovely" this week.

These are the shortest days of the year, with only 9 hours and 3 minutes of sunshine.

Pronouncing matches threaten to jostle spelling bees off the proud pinnacle of public favor.

A Mr. Sullivan of Chicopee is teaching a singing school at Wm. Ronan's on Maple street.

Mrs. A. C. Collins will start for the South next week, to spend the winter with friends near Macon, Ga.

Walter Claflin, the Southbridge stage driver, picked a dandelion by the roadside Tuesday. And this is December.

Allen & Cowan have lots of elegant gift books for the holidays, which will repay a thorough examination.

Mr. Converse talks of building an addition on the Tockwotton House, next to the Nassowanno, for the use of the post office.

Mrs. H. H. Weeden has opened a fancy goods store and dress making rooms on Church street in Sheriff Randall's late office.

Venus is beautifully brilliant of late, and she goes to bed early. That's probably the reason why she is so bright and fresh.

Winter began yesterday, if the almanac is to be believed, but we strongly suspect that Winter has succumbed to the hard times and suspended.

Mr. Tanner's horse started to distribute milk on his own account Thursday morning, but was stopped after a short run with no harm done.

The question of the hour—What *shall* I get for a Christmas present? Our merchants are supposed to be able to answer this conundrum satisfactorily.

Our temperance organizations might perhaps make a ten-strike by getting Murphy or some of his workers to come to this place and labor a while.

A receipt for a year's subscription to the JOURNAL will make a capital thing to stuff down in the toe of your friend's stocking next Monday night.

Judge Allen, who is still in feeble health, found his trip to Nassau last winter so pleasant and beneficial that he will repeat it again this winter, starting some time next month.

Smith & Co. have removed to the handsomely furnished store in the Tockwotton House recently vacated by W. H. Hitchcock, and Mr. Fox has taken the store they vacated for his oyster business.

Stockbridge, with a population of 2000, has a public library from which 10,000 volumes are drawn every year. Palmer, with a population approaching 5000, has a well-sustained library of 00,000 volumes.

The Excelsior Club think of opening a reading room and library, and Mr. French generously offers to give them the use of the vacant store in Wales Hall block for that purpose if they carry out their design.

Timothy Denahey, Mary Williams, and Charles P. Bachelder were before the District Court this week for drunkenness. The latter paid $8.25, and the others were committed, not having the money to pay their fines.

It is rumored that Col. Stoughton, who went West in the Spring of 1876, will shortly return and resume his old place as station agent of the New London Northern railroad, having reserved that privilege when he went away.

W. H. Griebel, clerk in Willis's store, has a collection of 483 eggs, representing 230 species, from the humming bird up to the goose. It is worth while to look them over on the counter which also invites one to trade in dry goods.

The little folks always took a great deal of stockin' Santa Claus, and the old fellow is now stocking up so as to fill the stockings next Monday night. But it looks as though he would have to travel on wheels instead of runners this year.

The Christmas ball this year is to be given at Weeks Hall, Christmas eve, with a supper at the Antique House; and the Dramatic Club invite all their friends to join with them in a social ball at Wales Hall, New Year's eve, with tickets at 75 cents. Bacon & Kenfield's band furnish music for both parties.

There are only four applicants for the place of deputy sheriff in this town—Messrs. Geo. W. Randall, present deputy, Parker W. Webster, formerly deputy, J. A. Palmer, and Herbert A. Northrop. High Sheriff Sanderson wants to get the best, regardless of political complexion, and he will endeavor to do so. The Sheriff will quietly sit down and make up his list the coming week.

J. H. Keith at Blanchardville last week found a man asleep in his woods, with a horse beside him which showed signs of hard driving, and Constable Palmer went down and took the horse into his keeping, as the man told two or three stories and finally "lit out" when he saw he was getting into close quarters. And now Mr. Palmer would like to find the owner of the horse, which seems to be a good one.

The register of deeds has recorded the following real estate conveyances: South Wilbraham Woolen Co. to Horace A. Kimball of Providence, R. I., mill property, $15,000; Stephen A. Lamb to William S. Stacy, land in Monson, $200; Martha S. Fox to Jemima A. Perry, land on Fox Avenue, Palmer, $200; Frank H. Horton to C. W. Holmes, Jr., and J. J. Ellis, land in Monson, $60; Abner E. Gibbs of Westfield to Caroline M. Fisk of Warren, land in Westfield, $2400.

THREE RIVERS.

The Y. M. C. A. will conduct the services at the Baptist church Sunday evening.

The blackboard in Pickering Hall was recently stolen by some unknown person.

The Union Evangelical church will have a Christmas tree Monday evening and the Baptist will follow with one Tuesday evening.

The Palmer company have placed a substantial iron fence around the common, which was made at the Palmer foundry.

LUDLOW.

All unmuzzled dogs are being killed without fear or favor if found at large.

The Congregational and Methodist churches unite in a Christmas tree next Tuesday evening.

INDIAN ORCHARD.

The new lock up will not entertain tramps.

A French boy fell 14 feet through a trap door in the mills the other day, but walked off unharmed.

A French family lately shipped home to St. Albans were deserted by the husband and father, who returned here for a spree.

The Reform Club has rented Wight's hall and two front rooms beneath, and the latter will be used for reading rooms. The stage in the hall will be enlarged, and next week there will be stereopticon views of the Eastern war. The liquor sellers are said to be doing an unprofitable business.

BELCHERTOWN.

George Chandler of this town is to teach a singing school at South Amherst.

The Reform Club was addressed last Thursday evening at the brick hall by the well known temperance lecturer, Dr. Jewett.

Rev. Mr. March gave an interesting lecture on Life in the East, appearing in Syrian costume, last Monday evening. Prof. Root will lecture next Thursday evening.

The town authorities have ordered all dogs unmuzzled to be killed after the 24th of this month, which law we hope will be enforced.

J. H. Stone of Enfield, while hunting in this town one day last week, shot a silver gray fox weighing twelve pounds. B.

WILBRAHAM.

It is again rumored that Mr. Collins is to rebuild his stable.

There will be a festival in the chapel of the Methodist church next Monday eve.

The rafters on the new church have sprung, causing the building to spread a few inches, but more trusses will be put in to stop it.

The Academy societies have elected officers as follows: Philo—President, C. B. Adams; vice president, G. Bennet; secretary, M. B. Owen; assistant secretary, G. A. Haynes; treasurer, H. B. Austin; critic, R. P. Harrington; auditor, C. D. Corlies; librarian, G. R. Prentice. Club—President, J. R. Taylor; vice president, W. H. Abbott; secretary, C. Spooner; treasurer, H. Griffin; librarian, J. G. Litch: auditor, M. A. Merrill.

WARREN.

The Universalists cleared $140 from their masquerade ball.

The Knowles company are full of business, and are sending off pumps in all directions.

The Reform Club enjoyed a complimentary supper last Thursday night at the hands of the Woman's Temperance Union.

The cornet band gave a good concert Thursday night, assisted by Miss Jennie Patrick and others from abroad.

For whipping L. L. Gage's boy, Charles H. Baker paid $11 the other day; and a French woman paid $12 for beating her little girl.

Mrs. Thurston, formerly of Monson, has bought one of John Bosworth's houses on Quaboag street for $3500.

William Burt, a student from Wesleyan college, lectures in the Methodist church next Thursday evening on "A Steady Aim in Life."

WALES.

There is to be a Christmas ball in Perkins Hall next Monday evening.

Frank Green, while skating Wednesday, broke through the ice and would have been drowned but for ready assistance of persons near by.

Sneak thieves have again visited J. W. Lyon's bees, having carried off two hives of honey. Suspicion rests on parties quite familiar with the premises.

J. W. Elliott wishes it understood that his farm was not advertised for sale on account of breach of contract, as he had paid all of the interest and part of the principal, but thinks it was influenced by parties wishing to get hold of his place for the wood and lumber and so make a forced sale, much to his detriment. He has redeemed the place, and experts say that there is wood and lumber enough standing on it to more than pay all his debts and have his farm buildings left clean. Mr. Elliott is a hard worker and we are glad he is able to keep his home. By the way, we would suggest to him that a helpmeet would greatly improve matters for future life. A.

BRIMFIELD.

Our Brimfield correspondent disclaims any intention of insulting or misrepresenting the Monson pastor, in his communication in the JOURNAL of the 8th. He says that for seven years he was a constant attendant upon the ministrations of that good man, Dr. Ely, in Monson, and what he intended to say was that the sermon referred to was a good practical one, the style of all orthodox preachers of half a century ago.

Brimfield is to have a public library. The town is fitting up and furnishing rooms over the post office and store of I. T. Brown on south side of Monument Square for its permanent accommodation, a location that will accommodate the townspeople from any quarter. When the rooms are furnished ready for occupancy, the two libraries, that of the town and Hitchcock High School, will be amalgamated, making a good library of standard and miscellaneous works. Donations will be gratefully received from those in or out of the town who may feel interested in the institution, and any one having two copies of the same work, or any old rare books that have gone out of general use, can now have an opportunity of contributing to a noble work where their contributions will be preserved for the benefit of their children and their children's children. Henry F. Brown, Esq., is ready to receive any books, pamphlets, or other things in a literary way that will aid in any sense the prosperity of the infant institution. INDEX.

WEST WARREN.

The ladies of the Methodist society had a sociable in the hall Wednesday evening.

The dramatic entertainment came off at the Cong. church Thursday and Friday evenings.

The grammar school is closed for a few days, on account of the sickness of Principal Woodard.

William S. Beeching has started a singing school at the residence of his father, Thomas Beeching.

J. C. King & Bro., the grocers whose store was recently closed by creditors, have settled, and resumed business Monday.

Timothy Cahill, an employe of the Warren Cotton Mills, was disabled Tuesday by a large bale of cotton falling on his leg.

Ranstead, Garey & Co., the Springfield grocery firm, whose agent visits West Warren every month, sold goods, for cash, to the amount of nearly $200 this month.

Rev. J. S. Barrows of the Methodist church exchanged pulpits last Sunday with Rev. E. A. Smith of Grace church, Springfield, and next Sunday he will exchange with Professor Nichols of West Springfield.

In compliance with the request of the state inspector of buildings, the Warren Cotton Mills will erect a fire escape on their No. 1 mill similar to the one on No. 2, and will make some improvements on the elevator.

The arrangements for the Christmas tree at the hall Tuesday evening are going on rapidly. The room will be tastily trimmed with evergreens, and among the exercises will be a Christmas cantata. The Cong. Sunday school will also have a tree Christmas evening.

The evening school recently opened by Edward Sheehy is deservedly popular among the working classes. His terms are $1.25 per month, five evenings in a week, and he has 31 scholars at present, with a prospect of an increase.

Calvin Cutter Post No. 99, G. A. R., elected officers as follows, Friday evening: Commander, H. H. Hitchcock; S. V. C., George Bliss; J. V. C., Jonas H. Brown; Quartermaster, S. D. Smith; Surgeon, C. N. Gilbert; Chaplain, James McEwen; Officer-of-the-day, Edwin Ryeroft; Officer-of-the-guard, F. N. Simonds; Delegate to the department of the encampment, F. L. Harmon; Alternate, S. D. Smith. F. L. Harmon, the present commander, has held the office ever since the post was organized, and declined a re-election. The post has its headquarters in Firemen's Hall, numbers about 25 members, and its treasury is in a healthy condition. Comrade F. H. Moore of Post 65 will instal the officers January 11.

MONSON.

Barton's Block is having another coat of paint.

R. M. Reynolds has recently purchased a new horse, said to have a record of 2.35.

Those who are in pursuit of beaus will look in at Willis's clothing emporium about Christmas time and find ties, bows, scarfs, handkerchiefs and clothing for very low prices.

Day Spring Lodge of Masons has these officers: W. M., Theodore Reynolds; S. W., Henry E. Bugbee; J. W., William Whiting; treasurer, C. E. Bills; sec'y, A. H. White.

The Congregational church has elected these officers: Deacon, A. H. White; superintendent of Sabbath school, Rev. James Tufts; assistant superintendent, A. H. White; librarian, Joseph Carpenter; treasurer, John Phipps.

Our merchants and dealers are getting in stock for the holidays. Albert Norcross has a good supply of substantial family groceries and knick-knacks. Timothy F. Packard has an unusually large assortment of holiday goods, which will be examined and purchased by all old settlers, for he has long been in the trade and people say, "Well, I can get it at Packard's, for he keeps everything." George E. Grout has fairly outdone all previous displays of his heretofore abundant stock of fancy goods, jewelry, &c. Charles Fowler can present the largest and best assortment of goods in all branches of any of our merchants, and has many valuable and useful articles of solid worth. To quiet hunger and satisfy the full demands of a household one can here be accommodated, except the furniture, which can be had in good style and low prices of A. O. White, and the stoves, tinware, &c., of Hamilton White, who has filled up with the latest manufactures of cook and parlor stoves, tinware, &c. Mrs. F. H. Fenton has just received the nobbiest lot of millinery and fancy goods that has been exhibited here of late. Dr. Andrews, the dentist, would pull teeth for any who would be thereby benefitted. The Reading Room is open for Christmas and New Year's callers, and last (Friday) evening all had an opportunity to assist in supporting it. Phipps, the druggist, has Mark Twain's scrap book and any quantity of perfumery and fancy goods. Miss J. F. Flagg has millinery, fancy goods and hats, together with many other articles useful and ornamental for old and young. Howe and Bradway are interested in the war with Turkey, and also have a large assortment of canned goods and vegetables besides their regular supply of meats. There is a fish and oyster market in the south basement of Green's block where a supply of fish and oysters may be had, for although it has changed hands many times of late, yet Marb. Bacon says that Monson people shall have fresh fish and oysters as of old, whoever is proprietor. The Cushman House will furnish table fare and the usual first-class Christmas and New Year's dinners, and if parties want they can here get the best turn-outs, double or single, and everything in first-class style. Merrick, Fay & Co. will furnish hats for the million and work for their usual number; this is one of our greatest if not the greatest branch of industry in town. Frank Carter has a good assortment of mottoes, fancy goods, &c., which it will be well for our citizens to notice, as she is deserving and worthy of patronage from her disabilities. Charles Smith can furnish just as nice and tasty a harness as "any other man," and horse clothing to go with it. McDonald keeps fish and oysters to supply the lower part of the town, and is accommodating, gentlemanly and reasonable in his prices. Gage Bros. have the solid goods—the staff of life; 'tis here you get your best barrel of flour, your sugar, tea and fixin's; they have raisins which they don't raise on, but Gage the prices at the lowest figure to conform with hard pan prices. E. P. Newton keeps as he has for many years past the meat market, where one can get the usual assortment of poultry and meats for Christmas dinner or New Year's supper. Mrs. C. Deichman has a conglomeration of goods, millinery and dressmaking being the prominent features of the business. Rogers & Co. have the usual country store supplies, and also in connection run two meat carts from which our citizens can be satisfactorily supplied. Bills & Blush, at the old Chapin stand, have fully maintained the honorable career of their predecessors, and have put in a few extras for the holidays. G. W. Burdick is preparing his ice fixtures, and if our people want ice for Christmas or New Year's he can accommodate us at any time; some want ice cream in December and some *scream* from the effects of it in January. Henry R. Glynn can get up new wagons at fair prices, and will turn out for Christmas or New Year's anything in the line of building or painting new or old vehicles. If one wants granite work Flynt & Co. can supply it, for they have stock abundant and men fully experienced to do anything in their line.—We have endeavored to mention the various industries in Monson where one could fully satisfy him or herself in Christmas or New Year's gifts. There are, however, one or two important items we have not noticed—wood, coal and feed. D. G. Potter can furnish coal at less than former prices. H. A. Day, at the North Mill, furnishes meal and feed for man or beast. And any one having an over-plus of money or provisions can find in our midst as in most places the worthy poor, upon whom they can bestow their charities, and have the satisfaction of knowing that it goes where it will do the "most good;" and to all such the comfort and satisfaction of having thus given is described in the New Testament: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." It will 2d Thessalonians, 2d chapter and 17th verse.

WARE AND VICINITY.

A new cornet band is talked of.

Rev. Mr. White of Thorndike preached at the Cong. church Sunday.

The Otis Company are changing their factory doors to swing outward, which will make it more convenient in getting out in case of fire.

A telephone connection was successfully made between Ware and West Brookfield, a distance of seven miles, last Monday. Laughing and singing were distinctly heard.

The East Cong. church have elected the following Sunday school officers for the ensuing year: George G. Hall, Supt.; E. H. Baker, 1st asst.; Geo. E. Winslow, 2d asst.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Unitarian church Monday evening, and one at the Methodist, with exercises appropriate to Christmas on Tuesday evening. Both societies extend a cordial invitation to all.

The Old Ware Dramatic Society under the direction of Martin Fitz Patrick, a popular comedian and a former resident of this place, will play "The Charcoal Burner," and a farce entitled "The Stage Struck Yankee," next Thursday evening. Let there be a full house.

Boston parties are going to make a survey from West Brookfield to Belchertown for a new route to the Hoosac Tunnel. This link, with a road from Belchertown to the nearest point on the Hoosac Tunnel line, would reduce the distance from Schenectady, N. Y., to Boston, 28 miles. From West Brookfield to Belchertown it is but fourteen miles by the shortest route, and with no grades of more than thirty feet to the mile. This route would cross the Ware River Rail Road just below Ware village.

FIRES.—The music hall building at Brockton was damaged by fire Monday night to the extent of $35,000.——An oil car on the Erie Railway at Paterson, N. J., took fire Monday night. The tank burst, and liquid flames ran down a street setting fire to five or six houses, some half a mile away. The loss is about $100,000.——A hotel at Scranton, Penn., was partly destroyed by fire Sunday morning, and the occupants had a narrow escape from suffocation and death.——Thomas Rooney's house at West Point, N. Y., was burned Tuesday, and his two children, aged three and five years, perished in the flames. They had been locked in the house in the absence of the parents, and were found locked in each other's arms.

Last April Shubael Vaughn, a respectable farmer in Greenwich, died after a two months' sickness, and the conduct of his wife, coupled with the doubts of one of the physicians who attended him, aroused suspicions that all was not right, and about three weeks ago his body was exhumed and the stomach examined. Arsenic was found in the whole interior, showing pretty conclusively that he died from poison, and his wife is strongly suspected of killing him. She was a stranger in those parts, and he married her in 1875 after seeing her but a few times. She was the cause of many neighborhood quarrels, and she remarried six months after her husband's death. The evidence is only circumstantial, and she has not yet been arrested.

The laborers on the Lachine Canal, near Montreal, struck the other day for increased wages, and on Tuesday they attacked the office of the company. They were met with a volley of shots, and one man was killed and several wounded. The military were called out and restored quiet.

Eliza MacMahon of West Rutland, Vt., housekeeper for a widower named Conway, died suddenly on Sunday, and her funeral Monday was interrupted and the body taken for an inquest, which showed that she died of an abortion performed Saturday night. Mr. Conway has been arrested.

A mob of armed and masked fellows took possession of Osceo, Mo., last Friday night, and carried off all the tax books of the county. The trouble grew out of a railroad tax levied to pay certain judgments against the county for interest on railroad bonds.

The Naval Court of Inquiry into the loss of the Huron finds that Commander Ryan was primarily responsible for the loss of the vessel, and that Lieutenant Palmer, the navigating officer, and the deck officers were in fault.

The Pittsfield *Sun* is about to change hands, having been bought by Horace J. Canfield of Stockbridge, who will take charge next week.

It will be money in the pocket for those who intend to buy furs to come to Sanderson & Son's fur auction at 5 cents savings bank block, Springfield, on Saturday and Monday, Dec, 22 and 24. A splendid lot of cloaks, muffs, boas, &c., of finest furs are to be sold regardless of cost, to reduce the stock, of which they have too much.

Hardly to be credited, but it is nevertheless true, that a sick horse or a bad conditioned cow can be brought up in a few days by the use of Simmons's Liver Regulator. The powders should be mixed with the food, and they will eat it readily; and it is surprising to see what improvement immediately takes place. It opens the bowels, strengthening them, and does all and even more than the best Condition Powders. A small quantity in the food for chickens will cure cholera and keep the poulry healthy.

The ladies' and children's ready-made cloak trade has become a regular business, as much so as the gentlemen's ready-made clothing trade, and no house in Springfield has done so much to bring this about as D. H. Brigham & Co., "The Springfield Clothiers," who now have a regular cloak and fur department covering their entire second floor, and carry the largest and best retail stock in New England. They never carry stock from one season to another, consequently they always show new and choice goods. Their stock is now immensely large and must be closed out within a few days, even at a large reduction in price. Nobody can afford to buy any of the above goods without first looking through their stock. They make a specialty of seal goods, buffalo robes and blankets, and pay traveling expenses to all liberal buyers.

"A Widow and Her Child."

A singular instance of superstition came to light not long since, which is thus related: Going into a neighbor's house one day last week, I found one of the children suffering from a severe cough, and expressed my opinion that it was a case in which medical assistance should be obtained. The mother of the boy agreed that it was very bad, but said that before calling in a doctor she intended to try a cure that she had long used in similar cases, and never found to fail. On being pressed to communicate the prescription, she gravely informed me that the charm consisted in HALE'S HONEY OF HOREHOUND AND TAR, and that it could be obtained of all the druggists. Price 50 cents and $1. Great saving by purchasing large size. Depot—CRITTENTON, 7 Sixth avenue, New York City.

PIRE'S TOOTHACHE DROPS Cure in one minute.

IF young ladies with blotches on their skin, which are erroneously attributed to irregularities of the liver, would discard cosmetics and mercurials, and adopt the practice of taking a warm bath every day with a cake of GLENN'S SULPHUR SOAP as a companion, the unsightly blemishes would soon disappear, and the lily and the rose would take their place. This is a secret which the fashionable are fast beginning to find out to their decided advantage. Sold by druggists. Price 25c. per cake. 1 box (3 cakes), 75c., sent by mail, pre-

paid, on receipt of price. C. N. CRITTENTON, proprietor, 7 Sixth avenue, New York.

HILL'S HAIR AND WHISKER DYE, Black or Brown, 50 cents. 4w38

AT THIS SEASON of the year, Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, and other affections of the Throat and Lungs prevail. *Madame Zadoc Porter's Curative Balsam* is a valuable remedy. No family should be without a bottle in the house. It is only 25 cents a bottle, and will be found worth as many dollars for the cure of the above complaints. It is for sale by all Druggists. 4w37

Dr. Shiloh's System Vitalizer.

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By virtue of a power of sale and attorney contained in a certain mortgage deed, dated February 28th, A. D. 1874, and recorded with Hampden county registry of deeds, book 301, page 380, to which and the deeds therein referred to reference may be had for a more particular description, given by the said Mathers to the Palmer Savings Bank, a corporation by law established at Palmer, in said county, for a breach of the conditions thereof will be sold at public auction, on the premises, on Wednesday, the 23d day of January next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises therein described, to wit: The tract of land "situate on the easterly side of the road from the Brimfield road to North Factory."

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Palmer, Mass., Dec. 18, 1877. 3w39

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. December 15th, 1877.

By virtue of an execution which issued on a judgment recovered at the Superior Court, holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the sixteenth day of November, A. D. 1877, in favor of Calvin Hitchcock of Ware, in our county of Hampshire, and against Alonzo V. Blanchard of Palmer, in said county of Hampden, and Ephraim Fenton of Brimfield, in said county of Hampden, I have taken all the right, title and interest that the said Ephraim Fenton had on the fifth day of January, A. D. 1877, the day when the same was attached on mesne process, in and to certain real estate situated in the towns of Brimfield and Wales and Monson, in said county of Hampden, bounded and described as follows, to wit: The first tract is situated partly in each of said towns of Brimfield, Wales and Monson, and beginning at the southwest corner of the lot now to be described, at the corner of land now or formerly belonging to Mathew Sutcliff, and now or formerly John Gorman, thence running easterly on said Sutcliff and Asher Green's land to corner of lands of H. Ham's, thence northerly on said Ham's land and land owned or occupied by Frank Gardner to said Sutcliff's land, thence westerly on said Sutcliff's land to the highway about 2½ rods south of the barn-yard, thence westerly and southerly on the highway to said Gorman's land now or formerly, thence in a northerly direction to said Gorman's northwest corner, thence easterly on said Gorman's land to said Gorman's northeast corner, thence southerly in a straight line to the first mentioned bound, containing one hundred acres be the same more or less; and the second tract of land is situated in said Brimfield, being part of the Judah Ferry farm, and is bounded as follows: Beginning at the east bank of the Chicopee river at a corner of land now or formerly of E. Fenton, thence E. 7½° S. thirty-five rods to corner of said Fenton's land, thence north on line of said Fenton twenty-eight rods and twenty links to a stake and stones, thence W. 7½° N. to the said river at stake and stones, thence down said river to the first mentioned bound, containing six acres, be the same more or less, this last named tract being the same described in a deed thereof recorded in Hampden registry of deeds, book 169, page 434, and on the seventeenth day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in front of Allen's Block, in said Palmer, I shall offer for sale by public auction to the highest bidder said real estate.

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DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS.—The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of Charles Varney of Brimfield, in said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt. CHARLES L. GARDNER,
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To Caroline L. Dixon of Monson, in said county, and to Stephen Dixon, her husband, supposed to be in the State of Rhode Island:

Whereas, an application for Guardianship has been made to said court by the selectmen of said Monson, alleging that the said Caroline L. Dixon is an insane person, and incapable of taking care of herself, and praying that Rice M. Reynolds, of said Monson, or some other suitable person, may be appointed her guardian, agreeably to the law in such case made and provided,

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be holden at Springfield, in and for said county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of January next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why a guardian should not be appointed as aforesaid.

And said petitioners are hereby directed to cause said Caroline L. Dixon and, if found in this State, the said Stephen Dixon also, to be notified of the time and the place appointed for the hearing of said complaint, by serving each of them with a copy of this order, fourteen days at least before said court; but if the said Stephen Dixon be not found in this State the said petitioners are further directed to publish this citation, once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer, in said county, the last publication to be at least two days before said court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven. SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

A copy. Attest: SAMUEL B. SPOONER,
3w38 Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS.
November 27th, A. D. 1877.

By virtue of an execution which issued on a judgment recovered at the Superior Court, holden at Springfield within and for said county, on the fourth Monday of October, to wit, on the sixteenth day of November, A. D. 1877, in favor of Timothy D. Potter and Philip H. Potter, copartners under the style of T. D. & P. H. Potter, both of Palmer, in our county of Hampden, and against Margaret Carrol of said Palmer, I have taken the lands that the said Margaret Carrol had on the twentieth day of January, A. D. 1877, the day when the same was attached on mesne process, situated in said Palmer, and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point on the easterly side of the highway leading from the village of Three Rivers, in said Palmer, to Belchertown, and in said Three Rivers, at the southwest corner of land now or formerly of John Wilson, thence easterly on land last named four to ten rods to the road leading northeasterly from said highway, thence along said road ten rods to a corner, thence southwesterly on said road four rods to the first named highway, thence along said highway ten rods to the place of departure, containing about one-fourth of one acre, with the buildings thereon, being the same premises described in a deed thereof recorded in Hampden registry of deeds, book 334, page 491, and on the thirty-first day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in front of my office in the Depot village of said Palmer, I shall offer said lands for sale by public auction to the highest bidder.

GEO. W. RANDALL,
3w37 Deputy Sheriff.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Betsey Barton, late of Palmer, in said county, deceased, Greeting:

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate by Wilson Brainard and John C. Brainard, who pray that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named,

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of January next, at nine o'clock before noon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

And said petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said court, and by mailing a copy hereof to such of said next of kin as may reside out of this Commonwealth, fourteen days at least before said court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esq., Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

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Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by Susan R. Paul, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, and that she may be exempt from giving a surety or sureties on her official bond as such executrix, it being so requested in said will,

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of January next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said court, and by mailing a copy hereof to such of said next of kin as may reside out of this Commonwealth, fourteen days at least before said Court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.
Copy. Attest: SAMUEL B. SPOONER,
3w38 Register.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate, not already administered, of William H. Rice, late of Brimfield, in the county of Hampden, deceased; and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

CHARLES L. GARDNER, Adm'r.
Palmer, Mass., Dec. 13, 1877. 3w38

THE WARE NATIONAL BANK.—The fourteenth annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at their Banking House in Ware, on Tuesday, the 8th day of January, 1878, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the choice of directors, and for any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

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Wrapt is this modern mummy
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Yet what a wondrous power
Those endless wrappings hold!

Of all the vegetables
From garden's length to length,
He is the one most mighty—
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Whene'er his person enters,
All noses sniff the air,
And epicurean stomachs
For gastric treats prepare.

A subtle spirit rises
Of dinner in full bloom—
An appetizing odor
Pervading all the room.

When at the well-laid table,
How is the palate blest!
He betters other dishes,
Yet is himself the best.

But then call on a lady!
Why is her smile so grim?
Before a word is spoken,
She knows you've been with him.

Scarcely a youth of 17 is to be found among he Samoanites who is not elaborately tattooed. Candlenut ashes and water are used for coloring matter. That part of the body from the waist to the knee is covered with a variegated pattern that at a short distance resembles lacework. The operation consumes two or three months, and the operator is very exacting about his pay. When he gets half through he demands his recompense, and if it is not forthcoming he refuses to finish his work. A young man is in deep disgrace if he goes about half tattooed. The girls laugh at him and the men scorn him. The process is very painful, and the victims are dieted while undergoing it. Some become mere skeletons before they are completed, but it is the fashion, and they are repaid by the admiring glances of the women. The gentler sex are rarely tattooed. Sometimes a delicate garter is seen twining around the leg, sometimes an amulet or strawberry design in the middle of the back, but such instances are rare.

Mistakes: To set up our standard of right or wrong, and judge people accordingly. To measure the enjoyment of others by our own. To expect uniformity of opinion in this world. To endeavor to mould all dispositions alike. Not to yield to immaterial trifles. To look for perfection in our own actions. To worry ourselves and others with what cannot be remedied. Not to make allowances for the infirmities of others. To consider everything impossible which we cannot perform.

Prince Bismarck likes to find everything in his study in disorder and general topsy-turviness, just as he left it—bottles, mugs, cigars and cigar boxes, odd gloves, books, pamphlets, papers, letters, spurs, stray antiques, swords, hand mirrors, pistols, fiddle-strings, flutes—these are all articles he wants to put his hand on at short notice, and see lying around loose on the tables, floor and sofas. Whenever he discovers any signs that his wife or the servants have been trying to set things to rights a terrible row is raised.

A San Francisco four-year-old boy was observed making queer movements with his elbow. His aunt asked him what he was doing. "Crooking my elbow," said precocious. "But what are you crooking your elbow for, Johnny?" "'Cause I want to get a nice little strawberry on my nose." "But that won't make a strawberry, Johnny." "Yes it will, for the cook says papa would not have the big strawberry on his nose if he didn't crook his elbow so often."

It is proposed to redeem from sterility the great desert in the western part of Kansas and Nebraska by damming the Arkansas and Platte rivers and turning the waters into the desert, forming a lake, from which water could be drawn for irrigating purposes.

Young lady: "Will you please let me have a pot of cold cream?" Country shop-keeper (after some hesitation and search): "Ah! beg pardon, miss; I find we have not any cold cream just at present; but we have some excellent condensed milk."

Many people are fond of the company of their physician, because he is the only person with whom they dare talk continually of themselves without interruption, contradiction, or censure.

A popular clergyman in England recently gave a lecture on "Fools." The tickets of admission were inscribed, "Lecture on Fools. Admit one." There was a large audience.

Kansas teacher—"Where does all our grain product go to?" Boy—"It goes into the hopper." "Hopper! What hopper?" "Grasshopper!" triumphantly shouted the boy.

A Dutchman was about to make a journey to his fatherland, and, wishing to say "good bye" to a friend, extended his hand and said; "Vell, off I don'd come back, hullo."

Mrs. Shoddy puckered up her mouth genteelly and told a gentleman friend that one of her lovely daughters was "bunet," and the other "bronze."

If your neighbor's hens are troublesome and steal across the way, don't let your angry passions rise; fix a place for 'em to lay.

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The Old Year's Farewell.

The old, old year is passing away,
He is bidding his friends farewell to-day,
For his work is done and he must not stay.

So we clasp his hand and exclaim "Good bye!"
But 'tis with a half regretful sigh,
At having to sever so close a tie.

For we have traveled together since he
Came forth in the winter, our guide to be,
And now we no longer his face shall see.

Rich gifts are ours, which he kindly brought,
Some useful lessons his lips have sought,
And his deeds have with love been fraught;

For the trials he bore to us, and the care
Were to strengthen faith and deepen prayer,
That we might be fit fresh joys to share.

Yes, goodness and mercy, our hearts must own,
Have marked the months that have lately flown;
But the Old Year says, in a solemn tone,

"The time you have had was only lent;—
Then how have its golden hours been spent?
And what have you done with the gifts God sent?"

As we muse on a question like this, we sigh
For the days and years that are gliding by—
Are leaving their records in worlds on high.

The records of moments by us misused,
Of talents neglected, of gifts abused,
Of channels for usefulness oft refused.

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The old, old year! Lo! the midnight bell
Of his swift departure begins to tell;
He is passing—and now he has gone!—Farewell!

WHY SHE MARRIED HIM.

"I—I am afraid I can't, Mr. Levison."

"You are 'afraid' you can't, Mrs. Willard? Answer me another question, yes or no—do you love me?"

"Why, Mr. Levison, I mean Henry, of course I do—like you! I always did, ever since I first knew you, years and years ago."

"When Wilson Willard won the prize all we fellows were striving for! So you liked me then, Nellie, and you like me now? Then why won't you marry me? You've been a widow for three years now. Isn't that long enough to mourn the virtues of the departed?"

"You wicked man! As if three hundred years could ever teach me to forget poor dear Wilson."

Her bright eyes reproved him sharply and he accepted with good grace.

"Granting the truth, Nellie, that your deceased husband was a good fellow and a loving partner, I still cannot see why you refuse me. That is the subject under consideration at present, Nellie. Why won't you marry me?"

"Because, Harry, because Wilson Willard made me promise to never marry again."

"Stuff and nonsense. What if he did! A bad promise is better broken than kept."

Mrs. Willard twisted her ring uneasily.

"I know it is," she said slowly; "but—"

"Yes; 'but' what, Nellie? In all respect I say it—poor Will is dead and gone, and you have been true to his memory all these long years, and what has he to do with you now?"

"I know," she said again, meditatively; "but—but, Harry, he made me solemnly promise never to marry again under penalty of his everlasting displeasure. And, don't be angry with me, Harry, will you? But I almost know he would appear to me."

The lovely blue eyes were lifted in such piteous appeal to his, and the pretty little widow made such a nervous little nestling nearer to him that it was the most human thing in the world for Mr. Levison to put his arm protectingly around her.

"So you believe he would haunt you, Nellie, if you broke your promise? A sensible little woman like you to veritably believe in such superstitious fol-derol. And after having waited for you ten years of your married life and three years of your widowhood, you condemn me to hopelessness for the sake of such a chimera—for the sake of such a shadow as your husband's ghost."

And Nellie looked imploringly at him again, and her lips quivered and the tears stood in great crystals on her long lashes.

"Oh, Harry, how cruel you are. You know I love you better than all the world, only—I dare not marry again. Don't be angry with me."

And Mr. Levison looked down at her lovely face, and assured her he could never be angry with her, and then went away, heaping silent maledictions on the head of the defunct husband who had been tyrant enough to burden his lovely young wife with such a promise.

The last sunset rays were flinging their golden and scarlet pennons on the pale, blue-gray sky when Mr. Levison opened the door of his cozy sitting-room, at home, to be met by the laughing face and gay welcome of a young gentleman who had evidently been making himself at home while he waited.

"Heigho, Levison! Surprised to see me? How are you, old fellow—how are you?"

"Fred Willard! Where, in the name of goodness, did you spring from? Why I thought you were not to sail from India for a good six months yet. I am glad to see you, although for the instant I confess I was startled; you are the living image of your brother Wilson. We've been discussing ghosts, you know."

Young Willard's eyes gleamed mischievously, as he interrupted fervently.

"'We' is good, Lev. You mean my pretty little sister-in-law, of course? I know she religiously believes in 'em. I am impatient to see her—for the first time since Will's funeral."

Mr. Levison laid his hand persuasively on Fred's shoulder.

"See here, Fred; you are a friend of mine, and I am about to put your friendship to the test. I want you to do me a very great favor, will you?"

Five hours later the moon was just creeping over the tops of the trees, and Mrs. Willard was standing at the garden door, on her return from a tour of inspection to the snug little carriage-house which she had personally seen was secure for the night ever since her husband's death.

With a little involuntary exclamation at the perfect beauty of the night, she went in, locked the door after her, for the servants were all retired for the night, and then gave a little shriek, for, standing in the self-same accustomed place he was wont to occupy, and looking as natural as if it were himself in the flesh, was her husband.

She stifled her shriek, and tried bravely to feel brave, but her heart throbbed wildly as she realized that she was looking upon a bona-fide ghost—a veritable inhabitant of the land of eternal shadows.

"Will," she said, faintly, with her hand tight on the handle of the door. "Will, is it you?"

His voice was precisely as it had been in the old days.

"Who should it be but I, Nellie, and come on purpose to communicate with you."

"Yes," she gasped; "but what for? I have tried—I have done everything that I thought you would wish. There is nothing wrong, Will!"

The low, familiar voice almost paralyzed Nellie, and yet, aided by the very material contact of the door-knob, she stood her ground and listened.

"Nothing is wrong with you, Nellie, but with me. I can't rest in my grave knowing the wrong I unintentionally committed in binding you to perpetual widowhood for my sake. I come to revoke my decision, to give you my full permission to marry again, and my advice is to marry Harry Levison. Promise me you will do it and I shall rest peacefully forever."

"Oh, Will! If you say so—if you think it best—yes, yes, I will."

Her face was pale enough now to have passed for a ghost herself.

"Go and look at the clock in the dining-room, Nellie, and see if it is near the stroke of twelve."

She went dumbly, mechanically at his behest, and when she came back he was gone and the moonlight streamed in on an empty room.

Then the reaction came, and Nellie flew up to her bed-room and locked the door, and covered her head with a shawl and sobbed and cried hysterically, until her overwrought nerves found relief in sleep.

The next day Mr. Levison sent a little note over, aplogizing for his seeming discourtesy in not coming to bid her good bye on his sudden departure for an indefinite time, and telling her that her cruel decision never to marry again had been the cause of it.

To which Nellie, all pale, alarmed and crimson with confusion, penned an answer, assuring him she had changed her mind, and begging him to come over to lunch to see her brother-in-law.

Of course Mr. Levison came, and it did not take two minutes to settle it, nor did he laugh at her when she solemnly related her experience of the night before.

"For it was his ghost, Harry, just as true as I am alive and speaking to you."

"A jolly old—I mean a thoughtful, painstaking spirit, Nellie. Bless his ghostship, we'll hold him in eternal remembrance."

Nor did his countenance change a feature, even when he, Nellie and Fred Willard discussed the marvelously obliging kindness of the departed.

Nor did pretty, blooming, blushing Mrs. Nellie ever for a moment dream that her visitant was Fred himself, assisted by a wig and false whiskers.

JOSH BILLINGS TO THE GIRLS.

Dear girls, are you in search of a husband? That is a pumper, and you are not requested to say "Yes" out loud, but are expekted tew throw yure eyes down onto the earth as though you wuz looking for a pin, and reply tew the interrogatory with a kind of draulin sigh.

Not tew press so tender a theme until it bekums a thorn in the flesh, we will presume (tew avoid argument) that you are on the lookout for sumthing in the mail line. Let me give yu sum small ehuuks ov advice how tew spot your future husband:

1. The man who is jellus ov every little attenshun which yu get from some other feller, yu will find after you are married tew him he luvs himself more than he duz you, and what yu mistook for solissitude yu will discover haz changed to indifference.

Jellusy isn't a heart disease; it is a liver komplaint.

2. A mustach is not indispensible; it is only a little more hair, and is much like moss and other excressences—often doz the best on sile that won't raise anything else. Don't forget that those things which yu admire in a fellow before marriage yu will probably dislike in a husband after, and a mustache will get to be a very weak diet after a long time.

3. If husbands could be took on trial as Irish cooks are, two-thirds ov them would probably be returned; but there don't seem to be enny law for this. Therefore, girls, yu will see that after yu git a man you have got tew keep him, even if you luze on him. Konsequently, if yu have got enny kold vittles in the house, try him on them once in awhile during scouring season, and if he swallers them well and sez he will take sum more, he iz a man who, when blue Monday kums, will wash well.

4. Don't marry a phellar who is alwuz telling how hiz mother doz thingz. It iz tew hard to wean a yung one.

5. If a young man can beat you playing on a pianner, and can't hear a fish horn playing on the street without turning a summerset on account of the musick that is in him, I say to leave him; he might answer to tend babe, but if you set him hoeing out in the garden, you will find that you have got to do it yourself. A man whoze whole life lies in musick (and not too hefty at that) ain't no better than a seedlitz powder; but if he luvs to listen while you sing sum gentle ballad, yu will find him mellow and not soft. But don't marry ennybody just for one virtew enny quicker than yu would flop a man for just one fault.

6. It is one ov the most tuffest things for a female to be an old maid sucessfully. A great many has tried it, and made a bad job ov it, and had a hard time. Everybody seems to look upon old maids just as they do upon dried herbs in the garret—handy for sickness—and, therefore, girls, it ain't a mistake that yu shud be willing to swop yourself oph with some true-hearted phellow for a husband. The swop is a good one; but don't swop for any man who is respecktable just because hiz father iz. You had better be an old maid for four thousand years and then join the Shakers than tew buy repentance at this price. No woman ever made this trade who didn't get either a phool, a mean kuss or a elown for a husband.

7. In digging down into this subjeet, I find the digging goes harder the further I get. It is much easier tew inform yu who not tew take, for the rezon there is more ov them.

I don't think you will follow my advice, if I give it; and, therefore, I will keep it, for I look upon advice as I do upon castor ile—a mean dose to give and a mean dose to take. But I must say one thing, girls, or spile. If you can find a bright-eyed, well-ballusted boy, who looks upon poverty az sassy az a child looks upon wealth—who had rather sit down on the curbstone in front of the 5th avenue hotel and eat ham sandwich rather than go inside and run in debt for his dinner and toothpick, and who iz a man with that sort of pluck that mistakes a defeat for a victory, my advice is to take him body and soul—snare him at onst, for he is a stray trout—a breed very skarse in our waters.

Take him, I say, and bild onto him as hornets bild on a tree.

LETTER FROM SOUTH CAROLINA.

GREENVILLE, or MOUNTAIN CITY, S. C., Dec. 20, 1877.

Dear Journal:—As I promised some time ago to write you concerning our newly adopted home, and as the dear familiar face of the JOURNAL arrives weekly to remind me of that promise, I have set my house in order and begun operations. I will begin with a little sketch taken from the city directory, compiled and published by the *Daily News* Co., and which does them much credit.

"There is no place in the South so celebrated for beauty of location and healthfulness of climate as that of Greenville, S. C. Situated at the foot of Blue Ridge, it has an extent of mountain scenery embracing the high peaks in Georgia and North Carolina, Table Rock and Cæsar's Head, the Saluda Mountains, Hog Back, Paris and Pine Mountains. All the above ranges can be seen from the city, giving a panoramic view which is unsurpassed for grandeur and sublimity."

Visitors from the lower portion of the State spend the greater part of the year in and about the city seeking health and pleasure. Greenville is connected by rail with Charleston, 250 miles, also Columbia, the capital of the State, by the Greenville and Columbia R. R., 140 miles. The Peidmont "air line," from Charlotte, S. C., to Atlanta, Ga., has a large depot in the west end of the city. Why it is named air line is a mystery to every traveler who has occasion to pass over it, for it is certainly the most crooked road I ever passed over. It is said, and very near the truth, that a train of 25 cars will make the letter S three or four times in every mile. However, the road is well equipped and the trains make fast time.

Greenville has improved rapidly in the past two years. Several hundred buildings have been erected, including some fine large brick blocks with iron fronts. Modern residences and cottages are to be seen all over the city, and new ones are constantly going up.

The horse railroad is the latest addition to the city, the cars of which are kept running night and day. The city lacks public water works, which are greatly needed, and would prove a paying investment. I understand they have the best of facilities for producing a never-failing supply. With all her beauty and natural advantages, Greenville lacks two great essentials: Main street is in a deplorable condition; every time there comes a heavy rain, mud is nearly knee deep; 'tis not an unfrequent sight, at such times, to see large four-mule wagons stuck in the middle of the street. The sidewalks at such times are only a little better. If some enterprising Yank who understands putting down good concrete would come down, I think he could get plenty of work.

There are two printing offices; the *Daily* and *Weekly News*, a lively, wide-awake paper, and the *Mountaineer*. The institutions of learning are excellent. The Furman (free) University, Patrick's High School, and the Greenville Female College, besides a goodly number of private schools, where several hundred students are in daily attendance.

There are beautiful fair grounds of over 30 acres about a mile from the court house, and a good deal of interest is manifested in the exhibitions. The population of the city is variously estimated all the way from 7,000 to 10,000 inhabitants.

There are several items of interest I could speak of, but fear I have already trespassed on the space alotted me, so will close with a word to northerners looking southward. Be sure and see Greenville before locating, or you may, like myself, repent it. It is so much like our northern cities (except the muddy streets) that one feels at home from the start. There is plenty of rich and fertile land surrounding the city, for sale and to rent, and this is the great need of the South—more northern farmers to come and occupy the land. Plowing can be done almost every day in the year. You will be welcomed by a kindly disposed people. With a good government, as we now have, and plenty of northern emigrants, this part of the country will be the grandest on the face of the globe; it wants only to be known to be appreciated. Come South, young man; come to Greenville.

W. H. CLARK.

TWENTY IMPOLITE THINGS.

1. Loud and boisterous laughing.
2. Reading when others are talking.
3. Reading aloud in company without being asked.
4. Talking when others are reading.
5. Spitting about the house, smoking or chewing.
6. Cutting finger nails in company.
7. Leaving church before worship is closed.
8. Whispering or laughing in the house of God.
9. Correcting older persons than yourself, especially parents.
10. Leaving a stranger without a seat.
11. Gazing rudely at strangers.
12. A want of respect and reverence for seniors.
13. Receiving a present without an expression of gratitude.
14. Making yourself hero of your own story.
15. Laughing at the mistakes of others.
16. Joking others in company.
17. Commencing talking before others have finished speaking.
18. Answering questions that have been put to others.
19. Commencing to eat as soon as you get to the table.
20. Not listening to what one is saying in company.

THE STING OF A SHARP TONGUE.—Do not hurt the feelings of others by saying sharp, sarcastic things. It is better to dispense with the questionable reputation of being smart than to merit one of cruelty. A person pushing his way through a crowd, dealing blows right and left, thrusting his sharp elbows into the side of this one and stepping on the soft corns of that one, is considerate and tender in comparison with one who treads ruthlessly on the sacred feelings of his neighbor, or stabs him in a tender place with the sharp blade of a sarcasm, that stings him with ridicule. It is the sweet little courtesies, dropped likes flowers by the wayside, that make life summery and fill it with fragrance.

Some women love and praise their husbands. Said a Louisville wife the other day in a frank, honest way: "My husband is a smart man, yes he is. I never saw a smarter. Why, he has got it fixed so that I can go to any store in town and run in debt as much as I please, and they can't touch a thing. But, of course, I wouldn't."

No Growing Old for Lovers.

I looked in the tell-tale mirror,
And saw the marks of care,
The crow's-feet and the wrinkles,
And the gray in the dark brown hair.
My wife looked o'er my shoulder—
Most beautiful was she;
"Thou wilt never grow old, my love," she said,
"Never grow old to me."

"For age is the chilling of heart,
And thine, as mine can tell,
Is as young and as warm as when first we heard
The sound of our bridal bell!"
I turned and kissed her ripe, red lips;
"Let time do its worst on me,
If in my soul, my love, my faith,
I never seem old to thee."

OUR BOSTON LETTER.

BOSTON, Dec. 18, 1877.

There was a double birthday celebration at the Brunswick last night. New England's best loved poet, our own dear Whittier, had completed his seventieth year, and the *Atlantic*, New England's favorite magazine, with which Mr. Whittier has been so closely identified since its very commencement, reached its twentieth year the same day. It was consequently peculiarly fitting that Messrs. H. O. Houghton & Co., the present publishers of the magazine, should make a feast in honor of the day, to which Mr. Whittier was bidden as the chief guest, with about fifty other choice spirits, to do him the homage which comes from the heart of every one. It was a royal occasion, and one which will long be remembered by those who were so fortunate as to be among the chosen guests.

Fancy a table crowned with guests like Whittier, Emerson, Longfellow and Holmes, four names most revered in American literature, a quartette whose equal is rarely seen the world over. Beside these were Whipple, Higginson, Craneh, the artist, poet and philosopher, and Charles Eliot Morton; while among the younger men were Howells, the most charming of essayists, critical of connoiseurs and loyal of men, who edits the *Atlantic* with a grace and discretion which none of his predecessors have surpassed, Charles Dudley Warner, the freshest and cheeriest of our writers, who has never grown up, as his last book, "Being a Boy," distinctly proves, John Boyle O'Reilly, the fiery young Irish refugee, who, coming here a few years ago in poverty and exile, unknown and unfriended, has won for himself a proud place in literature, H. E. Scudder, the author of the charming Bodley Books, and Samuel L. Clemens, under which formal appellation the majority of the world won't recognize the prince of good fellows, Mark Twain. Do you think we need to fear for the future of our national literature, with men like these to take the places of those who are passing away? Holmes had a poem in which he paid the loviest tribute to Whittier, Longfellow and Lowell. Isn't this reference to Whittier exquisite?

"And the wood thrush of Essex, you know whom I mean,
Whose song echoes round us, while he sits unseen,
Whose heart-throbs of verse through our memories thrill
Like a breath from the woods, like a breeze from the hill.
We think it the voice of a seraph that sings—
Alas, we remember that angels have wings—
What story is this of the day of his birth?
Let him live to a hundred, we want him on earth."

This is refreshing after all the twaddle the public has been treated to lately on the same topic. Mark Twain made a funny speech, grotesque in its absurdity. It seems to me that Twain is inexhaustible in his drolleries, and his latest effort is always the most whimsical. With sentiment and humor the evening passed, and I am sure Mr. Whittier will count his seventieth birthday as not the least pleasant of all he has kept.

The Old South Fair is almost over; one day more and it will be closed, and like its predecessors, will be but a memory. During the past two weeks our women of leisure have been playing at shop-keeping and making believe work with a white fingered daintiness, which lent a charm to everything they did, and with an enthusiasm that will "tell" when to-morrow the receipts will be counted up. I think the Old South is safe; the wise women who have had the matter in charge have taken care of that, and I should feel like congratulating those who had it in charge, did I not know how much actual trouble they have unwittingly caused.

The Old South Fund has gained, but it has been at the expense of men who had looked forward to this holiday season, to retrieve the fortunes of a most disastrous business year. There is not a dealer of any account in Boston who is not thousands of dollars poorer for this fair. The year has been uncommonly bad, most of them have done little more than keep themselves on their feet; they had counted on the holiday trade to give them a new impetus. This fair was projected; they were all expected to contribute to it, and did so most generously; then the very people whose trade they had looked for, spent the money there, so they were double losers. Is it surprising that among this class of men, there isn't that enthusiasm for the cause that its advocates think it the duty of every man to exhibit? Certainly, save the Old South by all means, but I question whether it should be done at the risk of destroying even one man's chances for a fair business future. I have heard this story of loss from at least a dozen lips during the past week.

The Museum and Globe are following English fashion in giving us something jolly and nice for Christmas specialties; only we are to be treated to opera bouffe and burlesque instead of pantomime. At the Museum the Christmas bill consists of "Beauty and the Beast," and that lovely play, "Dot." At the Globe, the new opera bouffe, "Pippins," by J. Cheever Goodwin and John Braham is to be produced, with Eliza Wethersby and Nat Goodwin. It will be a great attraction, both on account of the authors and the principal actors, who are all great favorites, and because it will be brought out in the perfect manner which characterizes everything which is produced under Mr. Stetson's management. No one has labored more earnestly to please the public than has Mr. Stetson. I think all theatre goers owe him a large debt of gratitude.

The most charming trio of juvenile books are issued for the holidays by Lockwood & Brooks. It includes "All Around a Palette," by Lizzie W. Champney, with illustrations by "Champ"; "Life at the Cedars," by Ellis Gray, and "Real Boys and Girls," by Mary C. Bartlett. Mrs. Champney's book, while most entertaining, is also instructive, and lays a foundation for future art culture, which is now considered so necessary a part of a liberal education. The other two are natural, spontaneous books, which will do children good to read, they are so pure and elevated in tone and so childish withal.

SALLIE JOY WHITE.

PETS.

Pets ov all kinds are a noosance. Pet a mule with a klub and he will be pashunt, but pet him with oats and he will kick out one end of kreashun. Pet dogs are full of fleas, and pet monkeys are full of the devil. All pet children are truants, and pet opinyuns, like second-hand clothing, are worth just what you can git fur them. A pet horse learns to be frisky, and a pet servant bekums cunning at the expense of his honesty. Pet friends are the hardest to keep, and when yu do lose them they turn from hunny to gaul, and pets ov all kinds are fastidious. A pet crow can't tell what his next mischief will be, and ov all pets none are more nasty and cross than a pet parrot. Nothing in this world was made to be petted, for nothing was made to require it. Pet hobbys are plenty and easy to mount, but hard to stick to, and the ditches all along life's turnpike are filled with riders. A pet lam makes a cross ram, and what has been once petted can never be happy agin without it. Live pets of all kinds are sure to be lazy, and from being lazy to being sassy is but a short step, and is sure to be taken. Too mutch brings luxurience first, and then ruin. I have seen gardin sass petted so much that it all ran to top and to vines. Pet kats are, fust, an insult to the kat, and next, an insult to the party that pets them; and there is no more excuse for boarding a pet poodle and lugging them around than there is for boarding and toteing a bedbug.

EATING PHILOPENA.

In Germany they manage this little pastime in a very pleasant way. When a couple meet after eating philopena together, no advantage is taken of the other until one of them pronounces the word "philopena." This is a warning that now the sport is to begin. Let us suppose that a gentleman calls upon a lady. She invites him to walk in, and at the same time speaks the talismanic word. If he accepts the offer to walk in he is lost, until she removes the ban by telling him to go away. If she asks him to take off his hat he must absolutely keep it on; if to be seated, he must stand; or if at the table she should hand him any article which he accepts, she wins the forfeit. During all this time he endeavors to take her by surprise, for the acceptance of any offer from the other wins the game. Both are constantly exercising their wits to prevent being caught, and the sport often goes on all the evening. Perhaps the gentleman brings a little present and says, "Knowing that I shall lose my philopena, I have brought it along—here it is." If she is caught off her guard by the smooth speech, she loses, for he immediately claims forfeit. If neither wins at the first meeting, the sport is continued to the second, and it may happen that half a dozen parties meet at the same, all anxious to win of their philopena partners, so that the scene often becomes ludicrously amusing. It is "diamond cut diamond" in very truth.

BE AGREEABLE AT MEALS.—Every one can do something to add to the social life at the table. If one cannot talk he can listen, or ask questions, and draw out others who can talk. Good listeners are as necessary as good talkers. Never argue at the table; but tell pleasant stories, relate or read anecdotes, and look out for the good of all. Sometimes a single anecdote from a paper starts a conversation that lasts during the meal time. A family table ought to be bright and cheerful, a sort of domestic altar, where every one casts down his or her offering, great or small, of pleasantness and peace; where, for at least a brief space in the day, all annoyances are laid aside, all stormy tempers hushed, all quarrels healed; every one being glad and content to sit down at the same board and eat the same bread and salt, making it, whether it be a rich repast or a dinner of herbs, equal to a joyful, almost sacramental meal.—*Dr. Holbrook.*

A man and a woman in New York State were engaged to be married. The former entertained the notion that wedding ceremonies were vanities of vanities. The latter finally agreed to his view and named the day which was to see these twain made one flesh. They went out riding together, and while rolling smoothly along he produced a ring, and, placing it upon the lady's finger, said: "This is your wedding ring; we are married." She received the circlet of gold as the sign of wedlock. He then further remarked: "We are married; I will live with you and take care of you all the days of my life, as my wife." She made no objection, and together they drove to a house where he had previously engaged board for "himself and wife." There they lived together for over a month, he treating her and speaking to her and of her as his wife. The Supreme Court of the State held and decided that this simple and uncommon marriage was perfectly valid.

One of the social stars of Paris is rebuked by a friend, who says, sternly, "Cora, if I were you, I should be afraid of having bad luck. The way you neglect your poor old blind father is awful, and you so rich now."

"Neglect him? Why, you are mistaken."

"No, I ain't. Isn't he begging at a street corner not more than half a mile from here?"

"Well, and every time I pass don't I give him a penny?"

Over twenty million dollars of gold yearly passes over the gold balance scales in the United States Mint. A new balance has just been made, having a capacity of ten thousand troy ounces (about six hundred pounds) in each pan. The beam measures five feet six inches in length, is mounted on agate bearings, and is sensible to one grain when loaded.

The famous canvas back ducks of Chesapeake bay derive their peculiar flavor from the wild celery on which they feed, and a New York poultry raiser, taking a hint from the fact, has tried feeding garden celery to domestic ducks for a week or two before killing them, with the result of greatly improving their flavor.

"What do you charge for a quart of your milk here?" asked a man, as he put his head in the door of a milk shop. "Eight cents," was the reply. "Ain't you got any for seven cents?" "No," said the proprietor; "but," he added, "we can make some."

"Silence in the court!" thundered a Kentucky judge the other morning. "Half a dozen men have been convicted already without the court having been able to hear a word of the testimony."

They went fishing. She looked languidly at him and said, "I wish the fish would bite at your hook. If I was a fish I would."

The Journal.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1877.

Read This!

All persons indebted to this office for subscriptions, advertising or job work are requested to make payment for the same before Jan. 1st, 1878.

THE Murphy temperance movement is coming this way, and has reached Chicopee.

THE Maryland Court of Appeals decides that a negro cannot practice law in that State, and the colored brother with legal aspirations must migrate to other fields.

JUDGE Rockwell of the Superior Court has denied the motion for a new trial of the Northampton bank burglars, and they will probably receive their merited sentence at the present term of court.

IT takes 150,000 evergreen trees to supply the New York market for Christmas, and the number is yearly increasing. What a forest is sacrificed every year on which to hang the contributions of old Santa Claus!

THIS evening President and Mrs. Hayes will celebrate their silver wedding at the White House. About one hundred and fifty guests have been invited, including the Cabinet and old personal and army friends of the President.

IT is said that Alexander Stephens's committee on weights and measures will report a bill requiring the government to use the metric system in all its transactions. Its adoption by all civilized nations is probably only a question of time.

FOREFATHER'S DAY was celebrated by the New England Society in New York last Saturday night, the banquet being graced by the presence of President Hayes, Secretary Evarts, President Eliot of Harvard, President Porter of Yale and other notables.

A GRAND banquet was given by Cyrus W. Field at Delmonico's in New York Wednesday night, to celebrate the present and prospective success of the elevated railway. It was a notable gathering, including Secretary of the Treasury Sherman, Peter Cooper, William Cullen Bryant, William Orton and many other prominent gentlemen, who represented in capital over three hundred millions of dollars.

SIBERIA comes to the front through the glowing accounts of Capt. Wiggins, an Englishman, who reports a practicable route to the North Pole, with an open sea all the way; and he proposes to organize a line of steamers to open to the world the timber, grain and mineral resources of Siberia. One mine yielded seven tons of gold this year. Wheat is sold for fifteen dollars a ton, and beef is one cent a pound.

IT is said that the winter of 1857, twenty-one years ago, resembled the present winter, no snow falling till after the first of January, and a long spell of unusually pleasant weather continuing up to the time the snow came. There is time enough yet for a good long cold snap, and lots of snow which may make a late spring and many discomforts. Our nothern winters were never known to pass away without giving us a touch of disagreeability.

THE Legislature for 1878 meets on Wednesday of next week, and an organization will be effected without delay, as the contest for officers will not amount to much. President Coggswell of the Senate and Speaker Long of the House will be re-elected without any trouble, and Clerk Marden of the House, against whom Mr. Bridgman of Amherst is going to run, will probably hold his place. The Governor's message will get along by Friday, and the General Court will be all ready to start off on business by a week from Monday.

PRESIDENT HAYES went to New York last week Friday and had a royal reception at the rooms of the Union League in the evening. On Saturday he formally opened the American Museum of Natural History, which is designed to be one of the largest and most complete institutions of its kind in existence. The present building cost $700,000, but is only a small part of the proposed structure, which will cover when completed a space 850 feet long by 650 feet wide. President Eliot of Harvard delivered the address of the occasion.

IT is predicted that President Hayes is coming around into full sympathy with the Republican party, and will give up his efforts to win the Democracy of the South, who do not win as readily as expected. He has been following the advice of Evarts and Schurz till they have led him away from his real friends and injured the Republican party. At heart no doubt the President means well, and has all along thought the people approved of his policy. The surest way for him to find out to the contrary would be to take a short trip away from Washington incog.

THE latest theory to account for this unusually mild weather is that old Mother Earth, forgetting the steady habit of ages past, has abandoned her orbit and is rushing toward the sun "licketty-split." In proof of this the unusual size and brilliancy of Mars in October and November, and the discovery of its two satellites, are cited, as also the absence of the regular meteoric showers last month, explainable, it is held, only by the fact that the earth has gone out of their path. This theory will be food and drink to the old fashioned Millerites, and may perhaps add a little to the nervousness of people already nervous, but most people will require considerable more convincing evidence of its truth before taking much stock in it.

Is There a Hell?

Whether there is or is not a place of endless conscious suffering for the impenitent dead, is a question which is now being much discussed. The agitation of the subject began with the late Indian Orchard council, and it appears that quite a number of clergymen in the Congregational denomination do not hold the strict views on this point which were formerly considered essential. Even Rev. Dr. Porter, President of Yale College, and Rev. Dr. Hopkins, ex-President of Williams College, voted recently to install a minister who is heterodox on the subject. And now Canon Farrar of Westminster Abbey, London, in a couple of recent sermons, has taken the startling ground that the words hell and damnation should be stricken out of the Bible altogther. His remarks are of especial significance, inasmuch as they were addressed to the distinguished divines who are now engaged in revising the Bible, a work which began several years ago and which will not be completed for some years yet.

The question is one of vital importance to the whole human family, reaching to the very foundation of religion. There are people enough who are ready and anxious to find reasons for not believing in eternal punishment, and it surely is not a welcome thought to any one. But it is a matter in which one cannot afford to jump hastily at conclusions. The Christian Church has for ages accepted the doctrine as true, and should the scholarly divines who are now revising the Bible disbelieve it altogether, the Church would be shaken to its very foundations. There is no reason for expecting such a result, however, though the result of their labors is to be kept a profound secret until completed. In the meantime, if there *is* a hell, those who believe in it and have taken the necessary measures to escape its terrors, would seem to have a much better prospect for their future happiness than those who believe its existence a myth, and by their lives court its penalties.

SHERIFF SANDERSON must imagine this section of the county to be a bad region to need three deputies in Palmer within a stone's throw of each other, and one in Monson, the whole section heretofore having had only two such officers. This plentiful disposition of his gifts may seem gracious in him, but it belittles the office and spoils the position for any of the number. If he goes through the county in this way, one may run across a deputy sheriff at almost every corner, and the position will be considered dog cheap. Mr. Sanderson had a meeting of friends to direct him in his appointments, and he evidently fell among bad advisers. There is an unpublished chapter about these matters, commencing before election, which it may be well to publish by and by.

GEN. BUTLER has broken silence on Presidential matters at a Club supper, last Saturday evening, at Boston. He believes in the Silver bill and thinks it will pass, veto or no veto. He don't believe in Hayes's reconciliation policy, and says the civil service reform is never heard of at Washington, and he don't know what it means. As for the future of the Republican party he thinks that all depends upon the President's course. If he decides next February to return to the Republican party, all will be well, and the party can save New York in 1880 and elect its President. If he decides to keep his present Cabinet, however, and to go with the Democrats, there will be a break up of parties, with new organizations on questions of finance, tariff, etc.

THERE were two hangings last week Friday, one in Maryland and one in New York. One of the victims assured his hearers he was going straight to Heaven, and the other, after asking the sheriff to hang him so he might be in hell in time for dinner, informed the crowd that he was innocent and was not afraid to meet his God. Then, as if in punishment for their blasphemy, the hangman's work was bunglingly done; neither of their necks were broken, and both died a lingering death.

THE Russians have already lost 80,412 men in their contest with Turkey. The winter is now upon both armies, and the Russians are buried in snow and suffering heavy losses.

American horses are appearing in London in front of English carriages. A Kentucky horse worth $125 can be transported to Liverpool for $60, and then sold for $300. One of the recent steamers carried out twenty-four carriage horses for the London market. The voyage seems to agree with them, for they gain in weight and are very frisky when they reach land.

Amherst College has secured a rare addition to its Art Gallery, in a complete set of casts of the bronze doors modeled by Crawford for the Capitol at Washington. The Ames Company of Chicopee presented them to the College, J. H. Southworth of Springfield defraying the expense of putting them in order and setting them up.

The Universalists of this country number 722 ministers, 691 church organizations and 35,395 members. Massachusetts is the stronghold of the denomination, there being 132 preachers, 90 churches and 6307 members in the State. New York comes next to this State.

The salaries of the professors in Amherst College were reduced 10 per cent. in 1876 and 5 per cent. this year, to pay for the $5000 organ for their chapel. A citizen of Brooklyn induced them to get it, by agreeing to pay for it himself, but he failed to do so.

A young girl in a theatre in London gets $500 a week for diving from a perch ninety feet downward to a net. She drops head first, turns on the way, and strikes on her back.

A temporary injunction has been placed on the Taunton Savings Bank. It is believed the depositors will not lose any of their principal.

LOCAL BUSINESS NOTICES.

A good piano for sale. Call at JOURNAL Office.

Closing out sale. Great reduction in prices before inventory. Fancy goods, toys, knick-knacks, below cost till January 1st, at Appleton's.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Mayflowers are budding.

The days are growing longer.

Did you get a Christmas present?

New resolutions are now in order.

We've had fine hay weather this week.

Snow shovels are a drug in the market.

The mail agents are out in their new uniforms.

Buckwheat cakes are "the thing" for breakfast now.

Readers, one and all, we wish you a very Happy New Year.

The ice men are getting anxious for a more permanent frigidity of atmosphere.

The Good Templars had their Christmas tree Thursday night at their lodge room.

Two Springfield men have taken the Tockwotton billiard room, Mr. Perkins retiring.

The January dividend of the Palmer Savings Bank will be paid on Monday, Jan. 7th.

Rev. Robert Laird Collyer was a guest at the Nassowanno House Wednesday evening.

The hunting season closes Monday night, and sportsmen are getting in their last shots.

M. Fox has one new house on Fox Avenue up and covered, and is beginning another one.

Walnuts and pop corn go well with these long evenings. So does cider, if you can get it.

Skating and croquet, almost side by side, were indulged in Christmas day in this vicinity.

George Robinson has been appointed District Deputy Grand Master of this Masonic district.

The men who sell and those who have bought new sleighs do not appreciate this weather.

A good stiff vapor bath, producing copious perspiration, is said to be a sure cure for the hydrophobia.

O. W. Studley has returned to the meat business, having bought out Newell Taylor's market on Central street.

Engineer Adams's locomotive, the Springfield, has been returned to headquarters to have its leaky boiler repaired.

The Sabbath school of the 2d Cong. church give a Christmas concert in their audience room to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon.

The Universalist Christmas tree Monday evening bore some very substantial fruit, and made many hearts, young and old, happy.

The letter from South Carolina on our outside will be read with interest by many friends of the writer, an old resident of this place.

The Christmas fair by the Young People's Society netted them over $200. The committees all worked hard, but feel well repaid in the results.

Elder H. H. Tucker of the Advent church has tendered his resignation, to take effect in the latter part of January, but the church have taken no action upon it as yet.

The boat train on the New London Northern road was delayed about an hour Monday evening, below Barrett's Junction, by the derailment of the preceding freight train.

Joseph Barrett was the winner of the first prize in the billiard tournament at the Tockwotton House, Tuesday, C. W. White, Otis Griffin and Fred. Allen taking second, third and fourth prizes.

Superintendent Bentley of the New London Northern Railroad has been elected second vice president of the Central Vermont railroad, and will have the practical management of its affairs.

As long as snow holds off farmers have a fine opportunity to destroy large numbers of potato bugs by burning the dead grass, leaves, etc., around old stone walls, where they have gone into winter quarters.

A wedding party in carriages, with violin music, passed through Main street Thursday afternoon, and was followed by a funeral procession a moment later. Rather an unpleasantly suggestive coincidence.

Don't forget the New Year's ball of the Dramatic Club next Monday evening at Wales Hall. The club drove to Ware Thursday evening to witness the performance of "The Charcoal Burner," by the home club.

The Universalist Sunday school drew out an audience of 400 to their Christmas concert in Wales Hall last Sunday evening, and the exercises were of much interest. These concerts are arranged and prepared under the direction of a committee of six young ladies of the school.

The "Spirit of '76" was played at the State Primary School Monday evening as a Christmas piece. The children received a hundred pounds of candy and Rev. Mr. Bradford a handsome present from the officers and teachers. Quite a number of the village people were present by invitation.

A little negro boy died at the State Primary School on Thursday, this being the first death that has occurred at the institution for three months. Such a low rate of mortality is rare in an institution containing so many children, and reflects much credit on the hygienic management of the establishment.

The Massachusetts Advent Conference, Western district, will meet with the church at Palmer, commencing next Wednesday evening, and holding over the following Sunday. Preaching every day after Wednesday at 10 A. M., 2 and 7 P. M. Several preachers from abroad are expected. All are invited.

The Young People's Society were entertained Wednesday evening at Mr. John M. Converse's, and the literary exercises were the best the club has yet enjoyed, consisting of music, reading and speaking. A business meeting of the society will be held at the Cong. vestry next Tuesday evening, at 8.30, to re-organize and transact any other business that may come before them.

James Colquhoun, a Scotchman, 58 years of age, was found dead in his bed at Thorndike Monday morning. He had been in this country some 12 years, coming to Thorndike on his arrival. He was a man of remarkably fine physique,—straight, broad-shouldered, and the perfect picture of health—and had served three years in a Highland regiment. Heart disease is assigned as the cause of his death. He leaves a wife and several children.

Over 35 couples were present at the Christmas Ball given by Mr. Weeks Tuesday night, and speak highly of their pleasures in the giddy mazes of the dance, and under the appetizing influence of one of the Antique suppers. The hall and dining-room were beautifully trimmed and decorated, and everybody admired the handsome finish of the dining-room, which has been enlarged to nearly double its former size. A large bay window has also been put in, and the whole room is as attractive and neat as could be desired.

Col. Stoughton has resumed his old position as agent of the New London Northern railroad, and Mr. Fish, who took his place during his absence, returns to the charge of the freight house. During Col. Stoughton's residence in Reading, Mich., he made many warm friends, as he does wherever he goes, and when he came away the depot was filled with those who had gathered to express their regrets at his departure, and they improved the opportunity by presenting him with a very flattering testimonial of their esteem.

Sheriff Sanderson announced his list of deputies Tuesday morning as follows, with one vacancy to be filled both in Holyoke and Westfield: A. H. G. Lewis, Walter S. Miller, W. H. H. Blair, S. S. Bumstead and R. S. Johnson of Springfield, T. W. Ordway of Holyoke, P. W. Webster and J. A. Palmer of Palmer, Nathaniel Butler and Simeon A. Jacobs of Chicopee, J. W. Cross and W. F. Mosley of West Springfield, James Fowler of Westfield, Ansel D. King of Granville, Jas. Keefe of Chester, Enos W. Boise of Blandford, G. W. Granger of Tolland, Frank McLain of Ludlow, S. C. Spellman of Wilbraham, George M. King of Monson, and J. A. Churchill of Agawam. On Wednesday Sheriff Sanderson yielded to the solicitations of the friends of H. A. Northrop, and added his name to the list of deputies.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph King had a pretty narrow escape from what must have been a terribly fatal accident at the Blanchardville crossing last Friday evening. As they approached the crossing in their carriage they heard a whistle and stopped, but the flagman told them to go along, and supposing the whistle to have come from an engine which they saw in the yard at this station they started along. Just as they reached the track the flagman called out to them to stop, and at the same instant the headlight of a locomotive flashed its warning rays into their faces. Involuntarily Mr. King gave his horse a sharp stroke with the whip, the animal sprang forward, and as the carriage cleared the track the evening express from Boston shot by. It was a close rub, and had the flagman's call been heeded the result would have been disastrous. This is one of the worst crossings on the road, the deep cut and sharp curve making it impossible for a person to see a train approaching from the east until it is close to the crossing. It is reported that there have been other like narrow escapes there owing to the negligence of the flagman, David Chapman. He evidently does not understand or does not attend to his duties, and if the lives of the hundreds of people who pass there daily are to depend upon his warnings, the railroad officials should give him a sharp rubbing up.

COLLINS DEPOT.

There is to be a New Year's ball in Liberty Hall next Tuesday evening, with music by Bacon & Kenfield's band.

BONDVILLE.

Bond Brothers have their ice house nearly completed.

Rev. Mr. Day of Enfield preached in the Methodist church last Sunday.

A very interesting Christmas entertainment was given by the Sunday school in the church vestry Tuesday evening. The exercises, consisting of recitations and singing, were finely rendered, especially by the little ones, and there were two trees bearing Christmas presents for old and young.

THREE RIVERS.

On Tuesday night Mr. Willis of Belchertown, who had been down to the Christmas tree at the Baptist church, started for home, and was driving on to the railroad crossing, when a train from the north entered the bridge. His horse, frightened by the headlight, started on a run for the canal, but then turned and started to recross the track directly in front of the engine. Mr. Willis jumped from the wagon and escaped without injury, but the wagon was smashed and the horse somewhat bruised by the lomotive.

WILBRAHAM.

Sumner Smith and Wm. C. McIntyre of this town have been appointed justices of the peace.

The "lover's telegraph," a miniature form of the telephone, has found its way to Wilbraham.

As soon as the chapel of the church is finished it is said that the church will be closed till spring.

Bishop Foster is expected to preach at the Methodist church next Sunday. There will be a missionary meeting in the evening.

LUDLOW.

Albert Fuller is giving his barn a new coat of paint.

One of James White's cattle died last Saturday of hydrophobia.

L. Simonds has completed his new house on the "Sim" Pease place.

Two young men from Belchertown by the name of Crofts and Bardwell, who are drawing wood to Chicopee Falls, on their way home one evening last week took some corn out of a vacant house on the road where it was stored. The theft leaked out soon enough so that they were overtaken and captured and made to pay a fine of $5 each, and return the corn before getting home.

GRANBY.

The Literary society proposes to have meetings every other Monday evening.

An effort is being made to induce the selectmen to order all unmuzzled dogs to be killed.

Penn Tyler of North Brookfield, a teacher of large experience, has begun a singing school in this town.

The old homestead of the Witt brothers was invaded by a large party of young people from this town and Belchertown one evening last week, and a right jolly time was had.

The social event of the season was the marriage of the only daughter of the late Israel Clark to Chester Kellogg, Christmas eve. One hundred and fifty guests were present, and the presents were elegant and expensive.

ENFIELD.

Rufus D. Woods is building a house for his help.

The barbers now shave for five cents and cut hair for ten.

The Minot company have just started for the winter. They will not rebuild their dry house until spring.

Loren Clark of Belchertown has taken Capt. Wright's place as clerk in the Swift River hotel, the latter having departed to enter into other business.

D. B. Gillett will make his tobacco sheds and the cigar factory into tenements, and is moving them nearer the street for that purpose.

A. M. Howard will in the spring begin the manufacture of his patent type for stamping iron or steel, in his machine shop, which approaches completion.

WARREN.

The band cleared about $50 by their concert last week.

The Knowles company are building a new pump test house, 28 x 32, two stories high.

Dr. E. I. Buck has bought of Fairbanks & Newton their Baker house property for $3000.

On New Year's day the Congregational church is to be the scene of the marriage of Miss Jennie M. Patrick, the well known soprano, to William Walker, a young Boston merchant.

South Brookfield wants Warren to pay $900 for keeping Albert Walker, a pauper who died in the former town, but who lived in Warren off and on for 20 years. Warren declines to pay, on the ground that he did not live here ten consecutive years. This town had a contest with Sutton 25 years ago over the same man, and Sutton had to pay the bills finally.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

Postmaster Stanton moves the post office to his house the first of January.

There was a dance at Academy hall the 21st inst., which was a success, Farnsworth of Springfield furnishing the music. Arrangements are being made for a dance every two weeks during the winter.

Deputy Sheriff S. C. Spellman of this village is to be court crier under Sheriff Sanderson, and contemplates removing to Springfield.

Christmas has come and gone, and a few families reared trees in their houses to receive the presents from friends and visitors. The Cong. society, for their Sabbath school, had a gathering at Academy Hall, where they had a tree, and full attendance, with declamations from some of the Sunday school scholars, interspersed with singing, etc., after which came the distribution of the various presents to the school. All were remembered. A few of the society hung a new $32 overcoat for Rev. Mr. Root, it being a complete surprise to him until presented. The Baptist society also had a tree, and a good time.

HOLLAND.

Mr. A. L. Foskett has purchased an elegant jet black Canadian pony or horse to take the place of the animal he recently lost by the breaking of one of its limbs. In this horse he anticipates great speed.

The public will be pained to learn that Mrs. E. Kinney is suffering from erysipelas in the eyes and face, so as to incapacitate her from attending to her household duties and looking after the interests of the hotel where her services are almost indispensable. It is hoped by her many friends that the affliction will not prove a serious one, and that she may soon be again restored to her usual health.

The religious interest in the Cong. church and society continues unabated, and daily and nightly lectures and inquiry meetings are held in the church, town hall and private residences, where large numbers congregate, anxiously inquiring the way to a religious life. They have a good teacher and guide in Rev. Mr. Scott, the pastor, who is unremitting in striving to enlighten their religious understanding and create an inspiration in the hearts and minds of his people that will lead them to the Cross of Christ. C. B. A.

MONSON.

Such splendid weather!

S. C. Hatch is about starting the fish business.

A. A. Ball has a new house up on Bridge street.

The receipts of the reading room festival amounted to about $175.

The parishioners of Rev. C. B. Sumner presented him with a fine sewing machine on Christmas.

E. L. Grant has sold the fish market in Green's block to Messrs. Hamilton & Clark of Warren.

Robert Peek died suddenly, of heart disease it is supposed, in Erskine Lull's barn Tuesday evening.

Ball playing, quoit pitching and croquet were some of the sports enjoyed by our citizens on Christmas.

The addition to the depot is progressing finely, and soon spacious accommodations for the public will be in order.

E. E. Towne is putting an addition on the south end of his block to be used by Mrs. F. H. Fenton in her millinery and dressmaking business.

The register of deeds has recorded a deed of Seba Zuill of Monson to Alden Thresher of Springfield, land in Monson, $1 and other considerations.

The children of the M. E. society and neighborhood were remembered by presents distributed Christmas evening. The house was crowded and hundreds of presents given away.

BRIMFIELD.

The grand reception of Porter A. Parker and lady will come off at their mansion on the corner of Southern Avenue and High street next Thursday evening. The invitations read as follows: "Porter A. Parker, Angie McGregory, married, Thursday, Nov. 22d, 1877. At home, Thursday evening, January 3d, 1878, from 7 to 10 o'clock."

Christmas Eve was made one of the most pleasant ever had in the staid old town of Brimfield. The day and evening were bright and balmy. The sun as it passed behind the western hills, shone as brilliant and soft as in the dewey eve of the summer solstice. The occasion was a Christmas festival given by the Sunday school children of the Congregational church, and as night began to draw her sable curtains there was a great stir among the juvenile population of the town, who streamed toward the hall where the scene of operations was to be enacted by the little army who had volunteered to come up to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of their Redeemer. At six o'clock the bell rang out a merry peal, when a sudden tide of juveniles set into the hall with smiling faces, to the number of about two hundred and seventy-five, as merry as the chime bells of a Christmas morning, filling the hall to repletion. In the center of the hall stood the Christmas tree, its branches filled and groaning under the weight of all sorts of articles, as presents to be given to the happy little masters and misses present, and they were delivered as the names of the recipient were called out by Mr. E. W. Norwood, who acted in the capacity of delivery master, in his usual good taste and suavity of manner. The supper was gotten up in elegant style. Everything that the markets afforded was had in great profusion; the bivalves were large and fresh. Cakes of immense size and variety were in abundance; tarts, scollops and every imaginary article in the way of dessert covered the tables, to suit the palates of the most fastidious epicures. The whole supper was furnished for fifty cents a person, and many duplicated their plates, which gave evidence of their appreciation of the culinary department. More than two hundred tickets were sold at the entrance of the hall, and supper tickets were disposed of inside to the number of about seventy-five. The total receipts were about $75. The festival was one continual success from the commencement to the close at half past 10 o'clock. I cannot omit to mention the table at the east side of the hall, presided over by two estimable ladies of Brimfield, whose urbanity and winning attentions captivated the children and induced them to spend their limited finances in the variety of fancy articles that burdened the table; nor to honorably mention the two ladies of East Brimfield who came up in the early part of the day to assist in the arrangements for the evening, and their indefatigable exertions at the supper table, to see that all were well served. INDEX.

WEST WARREN.

Crossman's new block has been repainted.

The schools were closed Monday and Tuesday.

Rev. J. S. Barrows will preach at Crossman's hall Sunday, upon the subject of Literature and Reading.

A tramp recently found under a shed sick with a lung disease was cared for by the town fathers, but died last week.

The Dramatic club's entertainments last week Thursday and Friday evenings drew full houses, and the net proceeds are about $100.

The large gears connected with the water wheel in No. 3 mill were replaced this week by two new ones, weighing 5900 pounds. The work of changing was commenced Monday night and was not completed until Thursday morning.

The Cong. Sunday school had a Christmas tree in the chapel Tuesday evening. The occasion was made enjoyable by numerous presents, singing, etc. The Methodist Sunday school also had a tree in Crossman's hall, and the hall was crowded. A Christmas cantata, recitations, speeches and singing were interspersed. John Hilton made an admirable Santa Claus, and made no end of sport. Superintendent A. P. Adams was taken by surprise by the gift of a set of Whedon's Commentaries, from a few of his many friends. Rev. J. S. Barrows made the presentation.

WARE AND VICINITY.

The decorated pottery fever has reached us at last.

The Ware High School has formed a debating society.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions was held at the chapel Friday afternoon.

The five praying bands, numbering thirty members, visited the Hardwick Mission last Sunday afternoon.

The Young Ladies' Charitable society will hold a tea party at Music Hall Tuesday evening, Jan. 1st. Admission 15 cents.

A business meeting of the Young Ladies' Charitable Society was held at the house of their president, Mrs. Arthur Jordan, Wednesday afternoon.

The Otis Company have put a gas burner over the entrance of their stockinet mill, which is lighted on dark evenings while the help are leaving the mill at six o'clock.

Buying gifts for Christmas appears to have been the chief business for the past ten days. The stores have been crowded and the streets full. Everything has been lively and all wore a cheerful look.

J. F. Lewis has opened a night school in Sheldon's block, over M. E. Welch's millinery store. All desirous of attending the school will forward their names to him as soon as possible.

The horses on the Hardwick mail coach were frightened and ran about a mile down hill on their way to the Gilbertville depot Monday afternoon. Mary Rogers, a passenger, overcome with fright jumped from the coach, but fortunately escaped with a few bruises.

The Christmas tree entertainment at the Unitarian church Monday evening was largely attended. Mr. C. W. Eddy, by the aid of a magic lantern, interested the audience for about an hour, at the close of which the Christmas presents were distributed among the impatient children, young and old.

As F. D. Richards and four others were driving from Enfield last Friday afternoon their horses became unmanageable, and the men becoming badly frightened, jumped from the back of the carriage, all reaching the ground safely except Mr. Richards, who fell upon his right arm and broke it just below the shoulder, besides bruising his head considerably.

A Frenchman named Louis Messieur, employed by the Otis Company, was badly hurt while unyoking a pair of oxen last week Thursday evening. He was just in the act of unyoking when the oxen ran, throwing him upon the ground, and dragging the heavy wagon over his head, tearing off part of the scalp and mutilating his head in a fearful manner. He will recover.

The *Hawaiian Gazette*, published at Honolulu, H. I., speaks of a very interesting address delivered by Rev. Dr. C. M. Hyde at Honolulu on Thanksgiving day, from Deut. 8—10, "When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee." It was received with considerable satisfaction, and a copy was requested for publication. It will be remembered that Dr. Hyde is a nephew of Wm. Hyde of this place. He was formerly pastor of the Cong. church at Brimfield, and is now president of the Oahu Theological Seminary at Honolulu.

A large crowd was present at the Christmas services at the Methodist church on Tuesday evening. The exercises consisted of singing appropriate to the occasion, select readings by members of the Sunday school, a brief address by the pastor, prayer, and plucking the fruit from the Christmas tree. The church was decorated with much good taste and skill, and the trees at the altar presented a magnificent appearance, laden as they were with rich and beautiful presents in great numbers and variety. Among gifts especially noticeable was a stuffed easy chair to John Chaffee and one to Harry Fletcher, from their fellow operatives in the factory. A very beautiful chair appeared, also, as the name of Mrs. George Kennedy was called. A motto of unique pattern and exquisite workmanship was received by the W. C. T. Union, from Capt. Richards of the schooner Rebecca Florence. The design is apparent, "The Serpent in the Wine Cup." It was wrought by the Captain while at sea especially for the temperance club rooms at Ware, where it will constantly give its warning against strong drink. The crowd were very orderly through the entire services and all were impressed that it was one of the most enjoyable Christmas gatherings on record.

The January number of the *Galaxy* was the last, Messrs. H. O. Houghton & Co. having purchased the good will and subscription list, and the magazine will hereafter be merged with the *Atlantic*.

Beware of $5 notes on the First National Bank of Hanover, Pa., and the First National Bank of Tamaqua, Pa. Dangerous counterfeits on these notes are in circulation.

The expenses of the Lake Shore Railroad Company on account of the Ashtabula bridge disaster have amounted to the enormous aggregate of $493,940.

"Chills and fever" and "dumb ague," complaints never before known in the State, have recently become prevalent in some parts of Connecticut.

A snow storm is said to be approaching from the West. It is what the boys with sleds have been praying for.

The population of the city of Mexico has remained almost stationary since the fall of Maximilian.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

Four persons were burned to death in a house near Central City, Col., Wednesday.

A Mrs. Brophy and her daughter perished in the burning of a tenement at Rondout, N. Y., Wednesday.

A little daughter of Mr. E. C. Rogers of Springfield died last week from the effects of accidental burning.

William Powers of Albany struck John Desmond with a pitcher on Tuesday, causing his death the next day.

Detective Pride, of Memphis, Tenn., killed his wife and child by an accidental discharge of his pistol the other day.

Eugene Miller shot his mistress, Ada Phillips, and then himself last Friday at Providence, R. I., and both will probably die.

The engineer and fireman of a freight train were killed by a collision with a passenger train ner Cheyenne, W. T., Wednesday.

Joseph Baldenschemler, Jr., a dissipated New York bar-tender, shot himself Monday night because his wife would not go home with him.

While several boys in Brooklyn were shooting at a mark on Tuesday, one boy playfully pointed a gun at a playmate, when it went off, killing him instantly.

Three children broke through the ice near Yarmouth, N. S., on Sunday, and their mother rushed to the rescue, when she, too, broke through the treacherous ice, and all four were drowned.

During a quarrel at South Boston Sunday evening Cornelius Tobin threw a kerosene lamp at Mrs. Mehegan, and she was at once wrapped in flames, and died soon after in terrible agony.

Joseph Woods was last week sentenced at Malone, N. Y., to be hanged February 1 for the murder of Stephen Barber of Belmont. The court house was so crowded at the trial that it settled badly and considerable plastering fell.

New York has had a Murphy movement, Owen Murphy, Treasurer of the Exeise Board, having absconded with funds variously estimated at from $30,000 to $60,000. He is said to be in Canada, and wants to negotiate with the city.

Three men entered the house of George Mingle near Attica, N. Y., early Sunday morning, knocked him down, and then dragged out his wife, 76 years old, and ravished and murdered her. Two men have been arrested on suspicion.

Michael Doran was murdered at Methuen on Christmas day, and Mrs. Jane Slade confesses to shooting him, but claims that it was accidental. She says he outraged her several times during the night, while her husband was in a drunken sleep.

James E. Johnson, a wealthy young New Yorker, attempted to murder his wife at the residence of her father in Brooklyn Wednesday, firing a ball through her shoulder. They had been married only about a year, and had not lived together for a few weeks.

A runaway horse at Hartford last Saturday struck the gate bar at the railroad crossing, swinging it violently around on to the sidewalk, where it struck a Mrs. Mannix and her boy, 13 years old. The boy died in a few moments, and Mrs. Mannix was fatally injured.

Further investigation into the New York disaster reveals the fact that the boilers did not explode, as at first reported, they being found intact, and the cause of the explosion is a mystery, but was very likely caused by an accumulation of gases in a flue. The number of victims at first reported was also greatly exaggerated, the remains of only four persons having been found in the ruins.

FACTS, FASHIONS AND FOIBLES.

—Japanese cologne is the new perfume.

—The descendant of D. Boone is an editor.

—Archibald Forbes has red hair and is over 40.

—Belts of all kinds are more popular than ever.

—San Francisco boys are getting to smoke oplum.

—The dress that is all in one piece grows in popularity.

—Scarlet and white are the national colors of Poland.

—Grant has gained 48 pounds since he left home for Europe.

—Mineral-gray is one of the many new shades this winter.

—The New York elevated railroad is to have smoking cars.

—Fur linings and fur borderings are very popular at present.

—In all the upper classes of Russia a husband may beat his wife.

—A careful newspaper man would call it the "alleged Christmas."

—The culture of coffee in Southern California is becoming profitable.

—A Rockville mill hand has worked 19 years without losing a day.

—Large buckles and slides of metal appear on fashionable costumes.

—Plush and satin double-faced ribbons are the most fashionable worn.

—The generous rain fall in California recently has insured good crops.

—Ten thousand rosebuds surrounded a New York dinner party last week.

—Beecher is unwilling to believe that there is a ragged edge to the next world.

—An agricultural house in Germany orders 600 horse-rakes from Winchendon.

—Black velvet boots are introduced to wear with the new short dresses for ladies.

—Springfield boasts of a bed of magnetic iron ore, with possible traces of gold.

—The undivided dividends now lying at the Bank of England amount to £3,506,956.

—Georgia boasts 200 different varieties of fruits as growing successfully in that State.

—It is estimated that 120,000 children have been made orphans by the famine in India.

—Black beaver is one of the favorite furs for trimming outside garments this winter.

—The new centennial doll tells fortunes with the motto-paper of which her costume is made.

—Black velvet cornices, with bindings of polished brass, are the novelty for window furnishings.

—Confederate bonds to the amount of $400,000 were recently sold in London at public auction for $3.40.

—The new ball dresses are of white brocaded silk, with silver or golden threads running through them.

—All the new costumes are finished off with a chatelaine bow of ribbon, on the left side of the waist.

—The exports of meat and live stock to Great Britain this year are nearly double what they were in 1876.

—Marshal MacMahon has been particularly lavish this year in bestowing upon foreigners the Legion of Honor.

—A Texas dog, which was taken to Missouri, found his way back, a distance of eight hundred miles, to his old master's home.

—The English Baptists are about to send a mission to the region watered by the Congo river, recently explored by Henry M. Stanly.

Flora Temple, for many years Queen of the Turf, died at Philadelphia last week Friday, at the age of 33. When four years old she was sold for $13. In 1859 she trotted a mile in 2.19¾, being the first horse known to beat 2.20.

At this season when everybody is considering what papers they shall take for the coming year, we would call attention to the merits of the *Journal of Chemistry*, one of the very best scientific and popular science journals published. It is illustrated, and printed in the very best style on the best of paper, and from the first to the last page is filled with articles, mostly original, on scientific, chemical and sanitary subjects, valuable recipes, and just such matters as everybody wants to know about. It is furnished, too, at the low price of one dollar per annum, and at that price should find its way into every house. Address Journal of Chemistry Co., 125 Milk St., Boston.

FIRES.—The Spy Pond Hotel in Arlington was burned early Monday morning; loss $12,000. The landlord and his wife and a lady guest would have doubtless perished but for the uproar made by a pet dog.——The town house and the Winthrop church in Holbrook were destroyed by fire Monday night. There were three stores in the town house, and the total loss reaches about $70,000.

It is a curious fact that, notwithstanding the sure destruction, sooner or later, of houses built near the base of Mount Vesuvius, the Italians do not cease to build there. The town of Terre del Greco, containing nearly 10,000 inhabitants, is constructed on the lava streams of 1631.

John Roach has made a contract with Dom Pedro to run a monthly line of steamships between this country and Brazil, and will ask Congress for a mail contract at $100,000 a year.

The Supreme Court of Massachusetts has decided that the city of Boston cannot legally maintain and operate the ferries free of toll.

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A singular instance of superstition came to light not long since, which is thus related: Going into a neighbor's house one day last week, I found one of the children suffering from a severe cough, and expressed my opinion that it was a case in which medical assistance should be obtained. The mother of the boy agreed that it was very bad, but said that before calling in a doctor she intended to try a cure that she had long used in similar cases, and never found to fail. On being pressed to communicate the prescription, she gravely informed me that the charm consisted in HALE'S HONEY OF HOREHOUND AND TAR, and that it could be obtained of all the druggists. Price 50 cents and $1. Great saving by purchasing large size. Depot—CRITTENTON, 7 Sixth avenue, New York City.

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At Palmer, 21st, a son to CHARLES D. HOLBROOK.

At South Wilbraham, a son to GEO. T. BALLARD, M. D.

At Wales, 23d, a daughter to WILLIAM FLINT.

At Hardwick, 25th, a daughter to JULIUS A. and LIBBIE H. DENNIS.

At Ludlow, 19th, a daughter to CHARLES WHITE.

MARRIED.

At Palmer, 24th, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. A. H. Somes of West Warren, FREDERICK WHITESIDE of Warren and AMELIA DANKOFF.

At Granby, 25th, by Rev. R. Henry Davis, CHESTER KELLOGG, late of New York, and EVANGELINE, only daughter of the late Israel Clark.

At Springfield, 25th, E. CARROLL WASHBURN and CORA LEE, only daughter of Charles B. Rice; 26th, GEORGE H. WOODS and KATE W. SCOTT; 26th, VALENTINE SHELDON of Worcester and NETTIE E. BANNON; 27th, EDWARD S. HARVEY and FLORENCE E. STEARNS.

At Holyoke, 22d, GEORGE W. WOODWARD and EMMA L. SHELDON; also, HIRAM R. WOODWARD and LULA BADGER.

DIED.

At Palmer, 21th, LILLES D., 77, widow of Capt. Freeman Smith.

At Palmer, 27th, CLARA M., 24, wife of F. D. Hale.

At Three Rivers, 23d, ROYAL BUFFINGTON, 86.

At Ware, 8th, CHARLES H. LEMON, 39.

At Worcester, 27th, FRANCES E., 13 months and 13 days, infant daughter of Lewis and Sarah A. Rand, and granddaughter of Joshua Graves of Palmer.

☞ Funeral at the house of Enos Calkins in Palmer, to-day (Saturday) at 11 a. m.

At Brimfield, 22d, CHARLES, 1, infant son of Andrew M. and Sarah Dunsmore.

At Springfield, SAMUEL P. LEGG, 51; 25th, MINNIE FRANCIS, 24, wife of Frederick Ultsch; 25th, JASON LYON, 63; 26th, MARTHA S., wife of J. F. E. Chamberlain and only daughter of Horace Cutler; 27th, GEORGE WHITNEY, 68; 27th, BETSEY ELDREDGE, 71, sister of the late Mrs. Geo. Hastings.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN ss. PROBATE COURT.—To Caroline L. Dixon of Monson, in said county, and to Stephen Dixon, her husband, supposed to be in the State of Rhode Island:

Whereas, an application for Guardianship has been made to said court by the selectmen of said Monson, alleging that the said Caroline L. Dixon is an insane person, and incapable of taking care of herself, and praying that Rice M. Reynolds, of said Monson, or some other suitable person, may be appointed her guardian, agreeably to the law in such case made and provided,

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be holden at Springfield, in and for said county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of January next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why a guardian should not be appointed as aforesaid.

And said petitioners are hereby directed to cause said Caroline L. Dixon and, if found in this State, the said Stephen Dixon also, to be notified of the time and the place appointed for the hearing of said complaint, by serving each of them with a copy of this order, fourteen days at least before said court; but if the said Stephen Dixon be not found in this State the said petitioners are further directed to publish this citation, once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer, in said county, the last publication to be at least two days before said court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven. SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN ss. PROBATE COURT.—To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Betsey Barton, late of Palmer, in said county, deceased, Greeting:

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate by Wilson Brainard and John C. Brainard, who pray that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named,

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of January next, at nine o'clock before noon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

And said petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said court, and by mailing a copy hereof to such of said next of kin as may reside out of this Commonwealth, fourteen days at least before said court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esq., Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

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Corner Central and Pleasant Sts., Palmer.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN ss. December 15th, 1877.

By virtue of an execution which issued on a judgment recovered at the Superior Court, holden at Springfield, within and for said county, on the sixteenth day of November, A. D. 1877, in favor of Calvin Hitchcock of Ware, in our county of Hampshire, and against Alonzo V. Blanchard of Palmer, in said county of Hampden, and Ephraim Fenton of Brimfield, in said county of Hampden, I have taken all the right, title and interest that the said Ephraim Fenton had on the fifth day of January, A. D. 1877, the day when the same was attached on mesne process, in and to certain real estate situated in the towns of Brimfield and Wales and Monson, in said county of Hampden, bounded and described as follows, to wit: The first tract is situated partly in each of said towns of Brimfield, Wales and Monson, and beginning at the southwest corner of the lot now to be described, at the corner of land now or formerly belonging to Mathew Sutcliff, and now or formerly John Gorman, thence running easterly on said Sutcliff and Asher Green's land to corner of lands of H. Haines, thence northerly on said Haines's land and land owned or occupied by Frank Gardner to said Sutcliff's land, thence westerly on said Sutcliff's land to the highway about 2½ rods south of the barn-yard, thence westerly and southerly on the highway to said Gorman's land now or formerly, thence in a northerly direction to said Gorman's northwest corner, thence easterly on said Gorman's land to said Gorman's northeast corner, thence southerly in a straight line to the first mentioned bound, containing one hundred acres be the same more or less; and the second tract of land is situated in said Brimfield, being part of the Judah Perry farm, and is bounded as follows: Beginning at the east bank of the Chicopee river at a corner of land now or formerly of E. Fenton, thence E. 7½° S. thirty-five rods to corner of said Fenton's land, thence north on line of said Fenton twenty-eight rods and twenty links to a stake and stones, thence W. 7½° N. to the said river at stake and stones, thence down said river to the first mentioned bound, containing six acres, be the same more or less, this last named tract being the same described in a deed thereof recorded in Hampden registry of deeds, book 169, page 434, and on the seventeenth day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in front of Allen's Block, in said Palmer, I shall offer for sale by public auction to the highest bidder said real estate.

3w39 GEO. W. RANDALL, Deputy Sheriff.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN ss. PROBATE COURT.—To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Elias L. Paul, late of Palmer, in said county, deceased, Greeting:

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by Susan R. Paul, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, and that she may be exempt from giving a surety or sureties on her official bond as such executrix, it being so requested in said will,

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of January next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said court, and by mailing a copy hereof to such of said next of kin as may reside out of this Commonwealth, fourteen days at least before said Court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

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TO CLARA S. MATHER and HENRY MATHER, now or formerly of Monson, Hampden county, Massachusetts, and to any and all other persons interested in the following described premises, take notice that

By virtue of a power of sale and attorney contained in a certain mortgage deed, dated February 28th, A. D. 1874, and recorded with Hampden county registry of deeds, book 301, page 380, to which and the deeds thereto referred to reference may be had for a more particular description, given by the said Mathers to the Palmer Savings Bank, a corporation by law established at Palmer, in said county, for a breach of the conditions thereof will be sold at public auction, on the premises, on Wednesday, the 23d day of January next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises therein described, to wit: The tract of land "situate on the easterly side of the road from the Brimfield road to North Factory."

Said premises will be sold subject to a prior mortgage to said Bank to secure $2000, and interest, and also to all unpaid taxes or assessments thereon.

Terms and conditions made known at the time and place of sale.

PALMER SAVINGS BANK,
By WILLIAM A. LINCOLN, Treasurer.
J. G. ALLEN, Attorney.

Palmer, Mass., Dec. 18, 1877. 3w39

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate, not already administered, of William H. Rice, late of Brimfield, in the county of Hampden, deceased; and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

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Palmer, Mass., Dec. 13, 1877. 3w38

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Palmer, Dec. 1, 1877. 36tf

THE WARE NATIONAL BANK.—The fourteenth annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at their Banking House in Ware, on Tuesday, the 8th day of January, 1878, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the choice of directors, and for any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

W. S. HYDE, Cashier.

Ware, Dec. 8, 1877. 4w37

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GOOD BOARD and ROOMS for four or five gentlemen, corner of Pleasant and Church streets. Inquire of M. FOX for further information. R. A. BRAINARD.

Palmer, Dec. 19, 1877. 39tf

Widder Greene's Last Words.

"I'm goin' to die," says the widder Greene,
"I'm goin' to quit this airthly scene;
It ain't no place for me to stay
In such a world as 'tis to-day.
Such works and ways is too much for me,
Nobody can't let nobody be.
The girls is flounced from tip to toe,
And that's the hull o' what they know.
The men is mad on bonds and stocks,
Swearin, and shootin' and pickin' locks,
I'm real afraid I'll be hanged myself
Ef I ain't laid on my final shelf.
There ain't a cretur but knows to-day
I never was lunatic any way;
But since crazy folks all go free
I'm dreadful afraid they'll hang up me!
There's another thing that's pesky hard—
I can't go into a neighbor's yard
To say 'How be you?' or borry a pin,
But what the paper 'll have it in:
'We're pleased to say the Widder Greene
Took dinner a Tuesday with Mrs. Keene.'
Or, 'Our worthy friend Mrs. Greene's gone
Down to Barkhamstead to see her son.'
Great Jerusalem! can't I stir
Without a raisin' some feller's fur?
There ain't no privacy, so to say,
No more than if this was Judgment Day.
And as for meetin'—I want to swear
Every time I put my head in there;
Why, even 'Old Hundred' 's spilled and done
Like everything else under the sun;
It used to be so solemn and slow,
'Praise to the Lord from men below;'
Now it goes like a gallopin' steer,
High diddle diddle! there and here.
No respect to the Lord above
No more'n of he was hand and glove
With all the creatures he ever made,
And all the jigs that ever was played.
Preachin' too,—but here I'm dumb;
But I tell you what! I'd like it some
If good old Parson Nathan Strong
Out o' the grave would come along,
An' give us a stirrin' taste o' fire,—
Judgment and justice is my desire.
'Tain't all love and sickish sweet
That makes this world or t'other complete.
But law! I'm old! I'd rather be dead
When the world's a turning over my head;
Sperits talkin' like tarnal fools,
Bibles kicked out o' deestrict schools,
Crazy creturs a-murderin' round—
Honest folks better be under the ground.
So fare-ye-well! this airthly scene
No more'll be pestered by Widder Greene."

To Clean Black Cashmere.—If the cashmere only requires cleaning, not washing, first give it a thorough dusting and cleaning; then sponge it all over with a weak solution of borax water, a teaspoonful of powdered borax to a quart of hot water. If grease spots are to be removed, add more borax, and use a brush with very little soap; rinse off with clean hot water. If necessary, press with a hot iron on the wrong side. If the goods are very dirty dissolve a piece of ammonia the size of a large egg in half a pailful of water, and wash each piece thoroughly. Use a little soap for the most spoiled spots.

The wife of a Pennsylvania clergyman when dying recently called him to her bedside and said: "Don't grow morbid when I am gone. Go into society, be cheerful, and let no regard for my memory check you when you see fit to marry again. It is my wish; the children must be cared for; you will need a helper in your work. You cannot live alone, your temperament is all against it; only choose a cheerful woman, and teach her to love our children. Don't answer me, and don't be governed by what the world says or thinks?"

The latest use for the telephone is to furnish a means of communication between divers and their assistants. Much of the danger of the calling has been due to the fact that the diver had no way of indicating his wants to those above him; but at a recent experiment with the telephone in the Ohio river at Cincinnati, those above could hear distinctly every word spoken by the diver.

How and where prairie dogs, in their villages, far away from rivers, get water, was not found out until recently, when Mr. F. Mercer, a frontiersman of experience, learned by observation that the dogs dig their own wells. Each village has one with a concealed opening. He knows of one 200 feet deep, with a circular path or staircase leading down to the water.

It is a great misfortune to have a fretful disposition. It takes the fragrance out of one's life, and leaves only weeds where a cheerful disposition would cause flowers to bloom. The habit of fretting is one that grows rapidly unless it be sternly repressed; and the best way to overcome it is to try always to look on the cheerful side of things.

Paradoxical as it may appear, the best way to examine the bottom of the sea is to go up in a balloon. A Frenchman who ascended about 5000 feet above the sea at Cherbourg, was astonished to see beneath him every rock, fissure and depression of the bottom of the sea, which has at that point a depth of 200 feet.

To Preserve Apples.—Pack in boxes or barrels elevated from the cellar floor, with a layer of dry sawdust at the bottom of each box or barrel; then a layer of apples, placed out of contact with each other, then a layer of sawdust, and so on till all are full. Sound apples packed in this way will keep a long ime.

"Do you believe in the use of the rod, my dear Professor?" asked a lady whose children were making life a burden to all the guests in the hotel. "In some cases, madam; but there are others," glancing at her gambolling darlings, "where I prefer the revolver."

Batter Pudding—One pint of milk, four eggs, white and yelks beaten separately, two even cups of flour, one teaspoon of salt, two teaspoons of seafoam. Bake in a buttered dish three-quarters of an hour.

"How many people," said Jeremy Taylor, "are busy in the world gathering together a handful of thorns to sit upon!"

The liberty to go higher than we are is given only when we have fulfilled the duties of our present sphere.

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Short-Hand Writer.
Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 3, 1876.

LATER.

Gentlemen: The Package of Sanford's Cure arrived here to-night all right. I don't know what I should have done if it had not been for this remedy. I have tried Nasal Douches and everything else, and although I have been able to stop the offensive discharge, I have not been able to recover my senses of taste and smell until I tried Sanford's Cure. You can refer any one you choose to me, and I will cheerfully inform them in detail as to the benefit the remedy has been to me.
MELBOURNE H. FORD.
Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 15, 1876.

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